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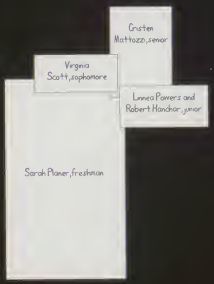

Cristen Mattozzi, senior
Virginia Scott, sophomore
Lennea Powers and Robert Mandrar, junior
Sarah Plaver, freshman

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One of the many construction workers works on building the new student parking lot towards the beginning of the renovation. Senior, **Marie Ritchey** leads a second grade class as an exploratory teacher at Wadsworth Elementary school for the first two hours of the day. Junior **Dustin Gogal** arrives late to school one day.

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Enjoying their victory in the human tunnel competition, a group of sophomores rejoice, while sophomore **Joseph Malo** falls on his knees. Sophomores took third in activities day, but won first place in float building.



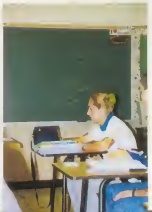
Opening

entering the mix

As we entered into the first school year of the new millennium, there were many new things that **ALL** of the students had to get used to. There was the constant parking problem, where students would arrive 20 minutes early to school just to hopefully receive a decent spot. A senior parking lot was built and completed in mid-November to accommodate 66 people who won the "lottery." This all went along with the three-year renovation plan to the school. We were seeing the beginning of all the work, but nothing too drastic. The play Don Quixote was **Mixed** into every teachers' lesson plans due to the grant the school received from the Indiana Department of Education. The money was used to buy 84 i-Books. Although the atmosphere of our school may have been a little different this year, students still continued to keep **UP** their spirits and academic attitudes.

---by candice peters

Paying attention in Jim Pickett's economics class, senior **Christy Bumbales** listens to a lecture. Bumbales was dressed up for crazy hair and make-up day during spirit week, which was from Sept. 25-29.



New assistant principal, **Sharon Sorelli**, visits **Sheila Vadavick's** English class. Sorelli started on October 25. "I am very pleased that we have an administrator with background and knowledge," Linda Linsele said. "I feel very fortunate to have someone of her caliber on our administrative team."



Beginning their day in Ruth Carmicheal's biology class, freshmen **Micheal Cahill** and **Calvin Schaller** recite the pledge of allegiance. Students began every week by saying the pledge during the morning announcements.





Senior **Justin Grimmer** does a bicep curl with 115 pounds on the bar. Grimmer lifts about three hours a day in the weight room after school.

student life
re-mixing the traditions

Look beyond the basic reading, writing, and arithmetic and you will find a whole other side to high school. Whether it was on the numerous half-days (that were always eagerly anticipated), or even just a regular weekend, there were many ways students **re-mixed** their schedules. Students mostly used their free time to frequent Showplace 16 to catch all the new releases, go to a party, go to work, or just hang out with friends. Homecoming proved to be a "memorable" event for quite a few students, when they got suspended for cow-napping from the Griffith Golf Center. **The** new construction that started on the school was an inconvenience to some, especially when parking turned scarce. Cold weather and snow came early on in December which caused school to be closed for a day.

Despite these minor set-backs students still showed up, and kept the **traditions** going.

--by candice peters





left Clearing off her car from the first snow storm, senior **Selena Bermudez** prepares to leave school. On Dec. 11 student were released at one o'clock due to the storm. School the following day was also cancelled. below **Gerry Spejewski**, drama, illustrates how to apply makeup on junior **Jonathan Rae** as junior **Kristen Salczynski** and freshman **Amber Kasbohm** look on. Spejewski has been involved with the plays and musicals for 37 years.









clockwise from center
A group of seniors cheer on their grade during activities day. Senior **Stacie Kapciak** practices the flute during class. Kapciak has taken private lessons for five years, she plays about three hours a day. Stacking carts, junior **Jimmy Cunningham** spends a lot of his time working at Strack and Van Til grocery store. Tugging with all their might's, the junior boy's try to beat the freshmen during the first round of competition. They won and went on to go up against the seniors where they were defeated. Senior **John Jensen** sports a wet suit to school. Jensen wore it because a friend of his was taking a swimming test that day and he wanted to give her support.

Showing his feminine side, senior [redacted] and senior [redacted] chat with each other in Anita Cox's government class. Many students dressed up as members of the opposite sex for mix and match day.

Making a big splash, sophomore [redacted] participates in the water bucket relay event during Activities Day. The seniors took first in that event.



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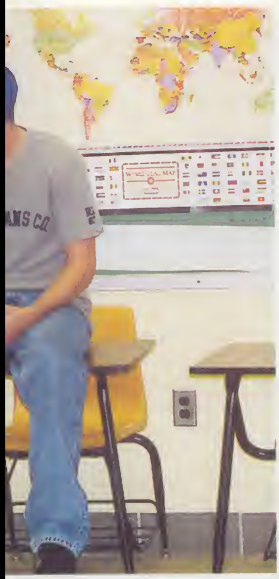
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Cheering on their class, the junior class watches the games at Activities Day on Friday September 9. Students were released from their 6th and 7th hours to go out to the football field for the games.

Putting on the finishing touches, junior [redacted] adds some fringe to the bottom of the float. The theme of the junior's float was Panther's Dream...Cardinal's Nightmare.



Matt Fitter





Stopping during a passing period sophomore [redacted] and junior [redacted] converse with each other. They were dressed crazy for mix-n-match day.



Matt Fitter

WHAT'S BETTER, ACTIVITIES DAY OR NIGHT?



"ACTIVITIES DAY BECAUSE EVERYONE WAS FORCED TO ATTEND, ON ACTIVITES NIGHT, ONLY THE PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT WENT." -[redacted]-10TH



"ACTIVITES DAY BECAUSE EVERYONE SHOWED UP, BUT AT NIGHT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE SHOWED UP." -[redacted]-11TH



"ACTIVITIES DAY BECAUSE YOU GET OUT OF CLASS AND EVERYONE IS THERE TO CHEER YOU ON." -[redacted]-12TH

Wanna Dance?

Students bust a groove at homecoming

"So is there really a Homecoming dance this year?" was just one of the questions that students were asking each other during Homecoming week. A lot of students weren't sure about the dance because it was the first time there was going to be a semi-formal for homecoming. The dance was set up by student council and was held in the fieldhouse on Saturday, Sept. 30th from 7-10 p.m.

According to **Anita Cox**, Student Council sponsor, about 140-150 students attended the dance.

"I definitely think that the turn-out for the dance was much greater then I had expected," Cox said.

Freshman **Ashley Hooper** decided to go to the dance because she was in student council and it was mandatory for all members to attend, but she said she would have gone anyway.

"I had so much fun because the DJs were really cool and they made the dance fun because they were getting into the music and dancing too," Hooper said. *(story cont.)*

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According to sophomore **Shannon Scheidel,** having a semi-formal Homecoming dance was a really good idea.

"I'm glad there was a dance because Homecoming is a big week at our school," Scheidel said. " Almost all the other schools have a dance and we never really had one."

One thing about the dance was that students did not need a date to attend, which was a good thing, according to junior **Christopher Jackson**.

"I went with friends which was better than going with a date because you can dance with anyone you want to and not have to worry about your date getting mad," Jackson said.

Senior **Kimberly Frederick**, who also went with a group of friends, thought the dance was very successful.

"I didn't think a lot of people were going to go," Frederick said. "But actually a lot of people showed up, and everyone I talked to said they had a good time."

~Kellie Sternberg

Homecoming Stats

Game
Griffith vs. E.C. Central
39-33 Griffith

Spirit Week
Monday-Pajama Day
Tuesday-Dress Up Day
Wednesday-Don Quixote or Mexican Day
Thursday-Mix-n-Match Day
Friday- Black and gold Day
Seniors won

Float
Sophomores won

Activities Day
Seniors won

Banner
Juniors won



Ryan Sutton



Ryan Sutton



Matt Piller

Marching down Broad Street, juniors Brianna Bieker and Nikki Love and freshmen Brittany Clark and Kelly Baldazo show their support for SADD. Members of SADD held signs in the parade and also drove a herse.



Applying some tape, juniors **Danielle Trueblood** and **Stephanie Drossi** finish the banner for the varsity football players. Instead of each grade decorating a separate hallway, they all decorated the lobby Thursday night before the game.



Nikki Clarkson

Struggling with all their might, the **senior boys** try hard to win at tug of war. The senior boys battled the freshmen boys first and then went up against the juniors and also won.



Nikki Clarkson

Taking it step by step, the juniors' eleven legged race team tries to stay together. "We had a strategy where every foot had a number one or two and we yelled one, two, one, two when we walked," junior **Jelena Damnjanovic** said.



Nikki Clarkson

Racing around the track, sophomore **Christina Saldana** pushes sophomore **Ashley Enloe** in the wagon race. "I had already had my helmet on and they threw me the shirt," Enloe said. "And it wouldn't fit over my helmet so I just left it."





Victor Sendejas

Dashing around his opponents, senior **Tyler Radtke** tries to make it towards the end zone. This is the third year in a row the Panthers have played and defeated E.C. Central at Homecoming.



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Getting into the beat, senior **Jack Johnson** and sophomore **Christina Redden** enjoy a dance together. The dance was semi-formal and students were told to dress in nice Sunday clothes.

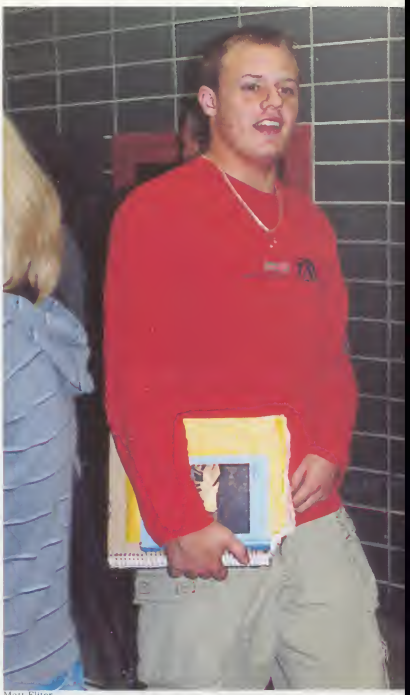
Letting the moment sink in, seniors **Stephanie Beigle** and **Jason Alexander** smile for a picture after being crowned Homecoming king and queen. "I didn't feel left out [from the parade]," Alexander said. "I felt football was more important because we *had* to win."

Making a border, senior Hannah Zemke uses orange paint to make stars on her paper. Margie Keithley had two interior decorating classes this year.

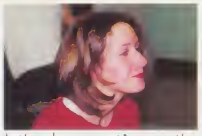
Taking a walk down the hall, sophomore Douglas Stone makes his way to class. Orange and other bright colors, like red, were popular choices of clothing among CHS students



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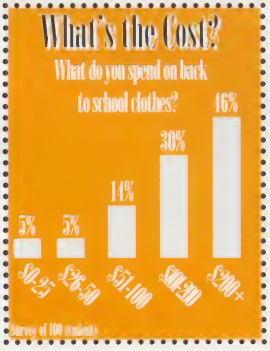


In addition to shopping at her favorite stores, Contempo Casuals and L. S. Ayres, junior Julie Cadle enjoys making some of her own clothes in Margie Keithley's textiles class.

"I like to make my own clothes because it's something different and not a lot of people have them," she said.

Cadle has been taking sewing for three years and has made a variety of things including dresses, capris, pants, and shirts.

"Making my own clothes makes it easier to stay in fashion," she said. "If I can't find something I like, I can just make it myself."

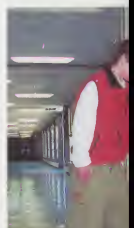




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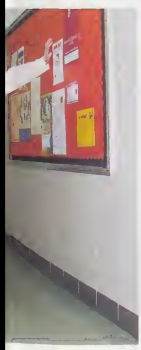
Getting ready to open his lock, junior Nicholas Demske stands in front of his locker. Hawiian shirts with bright designs were often seen on students around the school.

Leaning against the bulletin board, senior Elliott Miller reads some information. Vests were popular to wear because the temperature in classrooms change from room to room. "I like to wear vests because they are warm, have lots of pockets, and are easy to take off when it's warm," senior Robert Jensen said.



Matt Fliter





Attention Shoppers

Students find trends at the mall

Dashing around the mall to stores like American Eagle, Old Navy, Abercrombie and Fitch, and the Gap bring about shopping adventures for the majority of teens every weekend. These popular stores set an example for most fashion followers everywhere.

"I shop at American Eagle because their jeans are good quality and they fit me well," sophomore **Rachel Grimmer** said. "I think it's a popular place to shop because I always see people at school wearing their clothes."

Most of these stores sometimes do more than just the adverstising throughout the store. They make catchy commericals that some teens model their styles from.

"I think the commercials are awesome," junior **Jonathon Rogowski** said. "I think people are influenced from them, but personally I think the clothes (from these stores) are more expensive and I am more comfortable in a sweatshirt."

Students all around the school set fashion examples for other students whether they realize it or not.

"I look around in the halls at what people have on, and if it's something I like I try to find clothes with similar style," Grimmer said. "I'm always looking for people that have nice taste in what they wear so that I can have examples."

The fashion changes every season, and with the changes come the different stores that carry them. GHS students are most likely to shop anywhere to keep in step with the latest styles and trends.

~Teri Calhoun



Matt Fliter



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Finding some time to talk, seniors Jennifer Sims and Jonathan Powell pass some time in the halls before class. "The way I dress shows my personality and my feelings toward myself," Powell said.



Matt Fliter

Taking a sip of her drink, senior Alison Bridegroom sits in a booth at Buffalo Wild Wings. The ponytail was a trendy way for girls to do their hair, and guys often wore their hair short and bleached.

WHAT DOES TRENDY MEAN TO YOU?



"IF SOMEONE IS TRENDY THEY WEAR ALL NEW CLOTHES TO STAY FRESH. IT'S WHAT PEOPLE DO TO BE COOL." -*JUSTEN RICKETTS*-10TH



"PEOPLE THAT THINK THEY ARE SUPERIOR BECAUSE THEY BUY MORE EXPENSIVE CLOTHES" -*PAUL DALACH*-12TH



"UP TO DATE, COOL AND HIP, AND IN STYLE." -*JULIE SIMS*-9TH

Bending over the counter, junior Christopher Jackson waits for some help in the senior high office. "I like to wear clothes that are comfy, look nice, and are in style. I'm all about wearing khakis and nice shirts or sometimes jeans."

Cuttin' it Short

Students liked to eat out on half days

What do Schoops, China Koon, and Pizza Hut have in common? They're all places where Griffith students can be found on their half days.

"I like to go to Schoops because that's where all my friends usually go," said sophomore **Lisa Redar**. "I love their cheese fries. That's all that I usually order because they give you so much and they're so good."

Senior **Omar Gonzalez** prefers something different. He'd rather have food from other countries on his half day.

"I usually go out to Fazoli's or China Koon with my friends because I enjoy the ethnic food," said Gonzalez. "I like to order the sweet and sour chicken with shrimp fried rice at China Koon, and spaghetti with lots of breadsticks at Fazoli's."

Some students, however, don't go out for lunch. Sophomore **Rochelle Huber** would rather just go home.

"Sometimes I go home and make my own food because it's cheaper," said Huber. "Then I go to bed and sleep before practice."

Students prefer a variety of different places, whether it's going out, or going home.

"When you go out to eat, you get to choose from a whole list of food," said Redar. "If you go home, you just get whatever is there."

~Stephanie Staples

Juniors Ryan Blythe, Holly Williams, Matthew Gonzalez, Robert Hanchar, and Allison Banta enjoy lunch after a half day of school at Applebees. "Half days are the best because you get to go out to eat with your friends," Wilkams said.



Matt Fliter

Having lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings, seniors **Matthew Callender** and **Nikki Geffert** eat some wings. It was a very popular place to go on Tuesday nights because of their 25 cent wings.



Victor Sendejas

At John's Pizza Place, senior **Benjamin Garland** accepts his lunch from an employee. Pizza was a fast and easy way of eating for students who didn't have enough time for a big meal.



Jessica Nieto



Nikki Clarkson



Many students go to Burger King to enjoy a hamburger. However, senior **Kelly Mann** would rather eat something without meat.

"I don't believe in killing animals for food," Mann said. "In sixth grade I stopped buying products tested on animals, then in seventh grade I became even stricter."

Mann doesn't wear leather, wool, or anything associated with animals. The only thing she does eat from an animals are eggs and milk.

"I prefer not to eat dairy, but pretty much everything that you eat has it," she said.



Junior Celina Villarreal hands her money to cafeteria cashier Becky Helfen. "I buy lunch every day," Villarreal said. "My favorite is probably ranch steak."

Sophomore Damian Mitchell tries to decide what he wants on his salad. "I usually never eat salad," Mitchell said, "but it looked really good that day."



Nikki Clarkson

DO YOU BUY OR BRING YOUR LUNCH?



"I LIKE A HOT LUNCH INSTEAD OF A COLD ONE THAT HAS BEEN SITTING IN MY LOCKER." -STEFANIE ROZNOWSKI-11TH



"I BRING BECAUSE THE BROWN BAG AREA IS LESS CROWDED THAN THE CAFETERIA." -ANTHONY POTESTA-12TH



"I'D RATHER BRING MY LUNCH, BUT I NEVER HAVE TIME TO MAKE IT IN THE MORNING, SO I BUY." -NATALIE MAZUR-9TH



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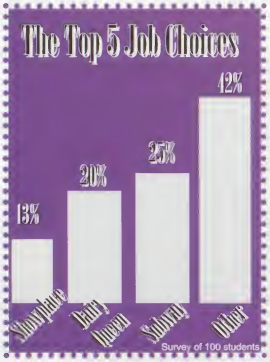
Candice Peters

Eating in the cafeteria, freshman Matthew P. Vadavik enjoys ranch steak. "Ranch steak is one of the best foods the cafeteria serves," sophomore Elaine Mazalan said. "I like how they serve mashed potatoes with it. They're good too."

Sophomores Nicole Laviolette and Jacob Christenson take time to enjoy lunch at China Koon. Many students go there for lunch on half days because of their lunch specials that made food cheaper.

Adding some ingredients senior Sarah Blanchard fixes up a Dairy Queen treat. Blanchard has enjoyed being part of the DQ crew. "I have met a lot of new people that I now hang out with," Blanchard said.





Junior Alida Baldazo files books back on the shelves at the Griffith Branch Library. Baldazo explained her reasons for why she chose to work at the library. "There aren't a lot of hours so I have time do school work, and it's easy," Baldazo said.



Jessica Nieto

Junior Veronica Jacobs recalls the semi-humorous event she had to deal with while working at Vogue Cleaners. "I was really busy on a Saturday and there were a lot of people waiting, and ringing the bell," Jacobs said. "To get to the people I flushed the toilet in a hurry and before I knew it the toilet overflowed and water was everywhere so I had to have the people leave and close down for an hour."





Matt Pfluer

Serving with a smile junior Courtney Shebish waits for her next customer at the local Taco Bell. Shebish found it possible to continue with her regular routine while juggling a job without any difficulty.

Eye to eye junior Tom Cservenak takes a moment to bond with a bird at Pet Ranch. Cservenak finds his job to be a grueling task at times. " One time the three thousand (dollar) parrot almost escaped it was a bit scary," explained Cservenak.



Nikki Clarkson

Hi Ho Hi Ho
It's off to work we go

Between classes, sports, clubs or any other extracurricular activities that students were in, some still found the time to hold down a job. It was easy for some since their employers were flexible with hours .

"It isn't so bad going to work and school for me," senior **Tracy Miller** said. " I only work three to four hours on the nights I work, and my boss [at Factory Card Outlet] is really good about giving me days off for school related functions."

As many students made time for homework and a job they lost time to hang out with the girls or boys. There was a positive outlook for some as they got to meet and get to know more people at work.

" I really enjoy work at times because I made a lot of new friends that I probably wouldn't have if I wasn't working at Dairy Queen," junior **Laura Anderson** said. " Amazingly they turned out to be just be as weird as me so it's all good."

Memories were made, fun was had and extra cash was in the pocket for students who had jobs. All in all many found that having a job wasn't all so bad and could be managed along with school.

~Jessica Nieto



Victor Sendejas

Serving with a smile junior Justin Kobeszka takes orders from customers at Burger King. Kobeszka has worked at Burger King for some time now and claimed it's an okay job for high school.



Nikki Clarkson

Paper or plastic is the question of the day for junior Jimmy Cunningham as he bags groceries at the local Strack and Van Til. "I enjoy my job and I still have time to hang out with my friends," said Cunningham.



Matt Fliter

Sophomore Amanda Pinkerton converses with a customer about what ingredients to put on her sub. Pinkerton along with many other GHS students worked at the Subway in Griffith.

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?



" I SPEND MY MONEY ON CLOTHES AND JUST OTHER FUN STUFF FOR MYSELF."
-NICHOLE DAMRON- 11TH



"WHEN I GET PAID I USUALLY BUY MY GIRLFRIEND THINGS, AND USE THE MONEY TO PAY MY CAR INSURANCE,- *ROBERT JABKOWSKI-12TH*



" I SAVE MY MONEY BECAUSE I WANT TO GET A CAR SOON." -
JULIE RISTIC -11TH

HOW DO YOU LIKE HAVING A PARENT WORK AT THE SCHOOL?



"IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS THERE IF I NEED MONEY."
-DANNY VESSELL - 11TH



"(MY MOM) CUTS ME IN LINE AT LUNCH, SO I LIKE IT. ALSO, IF I WANT TO GO HOME EARLY, THEN SHE LETS ME GO HOME INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE NURSE."
-KATIE FLOREY- 10TH



"I LIKE GETTING LEFTOVERS AFTER LUNCH FROM MY MOM, AND SHE JOKES AROUND WITH ME AND MY FRIENDS." -ERIC VECHEY- 11TH

Oh, brother!

The joys of having siblings

High school involves a lot of things. Making it to class on time, studying, and hanging out with friends...and siblings? Believe it or not, a lot of brothers and sisters that are in high school together don't seem to mind sharing their friends.

"We have a lot of the same friends," freshman **Laura Pinkerton** said about her sister, sophomore Stephanie. "But it doesn't cause that many problems. Sometimes she'll talk to my friends on the phone and won't tell me it's for me."

Even for siblings who don't spend time together, high school can create other challenges. Getting scheduled into the same classes, teachers mixing up names and even making comparisions to brothers and sisters can all be bothersome.

"We have had the same teachers," sophomore **Kelly O'Conner** said. "Some ask if we are related and they say they feel sorry for me because I live with Daniel."

It's inevitable that sometimes siblings won't get along, but most seem to agree that high school would be a very different place without their brother or sister to experience it with.

"We really hated each other in elementary school, but now we get along great," senior **Kelly Gerdes** said. "Jackie has probably bailed me out of every situation possible." *~Brianna Bieker*

What's the best thing about having a boyfriend or girlfriend?

34% You can talk to him/her like a friend.
27% He/She will always listen to you.
18% Kissing
15% You always have someone to go out with.
6% You don't have to worry about who you're going to ask to Turnabout or Prom.

survey of 73 students



Matt Flitter

Cheering on the home team, juniors **Mallory** and **Hillary Bernath** enjoy a football game. The twin sisters both joined Panthertettes this year.



Victor Sendejas

Ignoring the crowded halls, seniors **Stephanie Bridegroom** and **Robert Jensen** steal a moment together. The two celebrated their one year anniversary December 11, 2000.

Going over some grades, Jim Graff, art, checks an assignment with sophomore Ahmad Abdul. "I treat them as people," Graff said, on getting along with students. "I don't talk down to them. A good sense of humor helps a lot."

Taking a break, seniors Jeremy Brzycki and Rachel Thomas chill out before school. "We started going out after we were supposed to wrap presents for a church project," Thomas said. "My mom ended up wrapping all the gifts and we sat on the couch and talked all night."



Victor Sendejas



Some friends met each other at the sandbox in the park. Some found each other in a class in junior high. But for freshmen Angela Smigla and Jennifer Hancock, it was in their kindergarten classroom.

"When we were in kindergarten we sat across from each other and she was always making faces at me," Smigla said. In gym class, our teacher put us together as partners, and I said, 'I don't like her. She's always making faces at me.' [Our teacher] said, 'She's probably just making faces at you because she wants to make friends.' And we've been friends ever since."



Paying close attention to the experiment, juniors Brandon Powell, Steven Bestheare and Daniel Bernotus watch as Powell's dad, Rich Powell explains a part of his job to Jane Kohani-Villaroman's chemistry class. The class used oxidized nitrogen to shrink balloons and make bananas so hard that they could take a hammer to it and it wouldn't crack.

Matt Thier

Stage Fright

First timers found ways to stay calm

Dancing and singing in front of an audience full of friends and family members can be a scary thing to do for the first time. But the cast of *Bye, Bye, Birdie* had to find ways to put all the jitters behind and let the show go on.

Freshman **Ashley Hooper** thought the friendliness and helpfulness of the cast was the key to overcoming her nervousness.

"I was scared to perform in front of a big crowd for the first time," Hooper said. "The rest of the cast really helped to calm me down."

Friends were the biggest support for sophomore **Christy Clark**. Along with the cast, they offered advice and encouragement.

"This was my first time performing on stage in a play," Clark said. "My friends told me just to try my hardest and that I would do well. It gave me confidence while I performed."

In addition to listening to music, junior **Adam Lukas** felt that his family was the key to staying calm.

"My parents offered me a lot of support. They told me I was doing a great job and that they were very proud of me," Lukas said.

Whether it was friends, family, or fellow cast members, the first time performers of "Bye, Bye, Birdie" all found different ways to overcome their jitters.

~TeriCalhoun

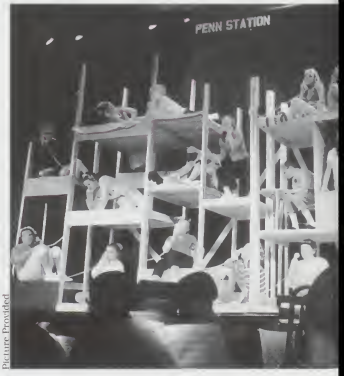


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Portraying an ascent to Heaven, senior **John Jensen** stands on a ladder as senior **Amanda Nichols** watches the other cast members dance around him as angels. This was Jensen's sixth performance on the CHS stage. He played the part of "Albert Peterson," Conrad Birdie's manager.



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Playing their guitars, senior **William Barriga** and junior **Adam Lukas** entertain the make believe town of Sweet Apple. "The best part of play was just being on stage in general. It was so tense, but it was fun having all of the girls screaming over my character," Barriga said.

Applying some make-up, freshman **Amber Kasbohm** helps freshman **Emily Etheridge** get ready for the musical. There were 17 people on the make-up/costume crew. Actors were required to wear make-up because the stage lights made them looked washed out.



Matt Fliter

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE PLAY?



"TELEPHONE HOUR BECAUSE WE GOT A LOT OF LAUGHS FROM IT AND THE SET WAS REALLY FUN."
-VERONICA JACOBS- 11TH



"WHEN SCOTT NEGRETE WAS DANCING LIKE AN IDIOT DURING THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW, I GOT TO DRAG HIM OFF STAGE AND PUT HANDCUFFS ON HIM" -DANIEL RIORDAN- 12TH



"OPENING NIGHT BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN YOU GET TO SHOW ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION"
-JACLYN GERDES- 10TH





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Talking on their toy telephones, many members of the musical *Bye, Bye, Birdie* participate in the song "Telephone Hour." "I had so much fun climbing on the big boxes. It was the funnest set I have performed on," junior **Stefanie Roznowski** said.

Standing around senior **Janis Walenkiewicz**, senior **Jason Lundquist**, junior's **Adam Lukas** and **Jonathan Rix** and sophomore **Corey Hedrt** hum the end of a song. "The best part of being in play was making a lot of new friends and being able to sing on stage for the first time," Hedrt said.

Fast Facts About Bye, Bye, Birdie

Dates: November 17, 18, 19, 2000

~The shark pinata was given to the most promising freshman- Emily Etheridge

~The cast goes out to breakfast every year at 6am the Thursday before opening night.

~The play scrapbook was passed down to junior Marissa Sills.

~"Spunky" the pirate pinata was given to the craziest sophomore-Carolyne Joseph

~Junior Renee Watkins received the Ranger Award for being a mother figure to the cast.

Getting help on his homework, junior Tim Murdock watches junior Linda Pena as she explains the homework in their history class. "I enjoy helping him," Pena said. "If I can be of help, I don't mind doing it."



Corey Hecht

Freshman Megan Matusik uses one of the pay-phones located in the high school lobby. "I use the phone sometimes to call my mom for a ride home," Matusik said.



Corey Hecht



While some students can't even turn a computer on, others are thriving with modern technology. Sophomore Justin Rizzo is one such student. "I've always like computers," Rizzo said. "I plan on going in to a computer-related career."





Corey Hecht

In the cafeteria, junior Kelly Davis writes a note. "I write notes to my friends because I don't have time to talk during passing periods," Davis said.

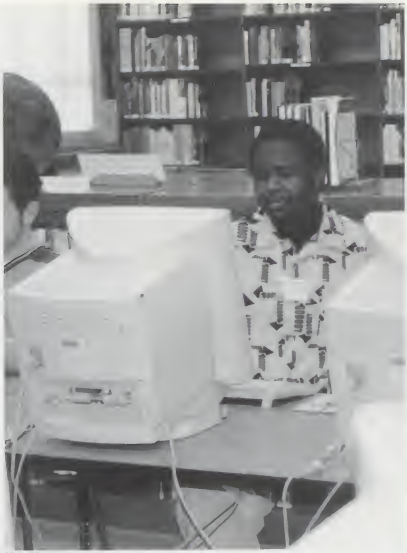
After school-day, seniors Kate Hagenbotham and Marie Ritchey sit and talk at Bennigan's. "We used to go there after football games to talk," Ritchey said.



Corey Hecht







Matt Flitter

Calling all Students

Cell phones and pagers gain popularity

With new technology coming out all the time, students took advantage of some of the latest gadgets available.

According to junior **Bryan King**, both cell phones and pagers were useful tools to have.

"With a cell phone or pager, it's easier to get in contact with parents and friends," King said. "They have more advantages than disadvantages to having them."

Other students say that cell phones may not be as useful as they once were.

"I got my cell phone over the summer," Sophomore **Adam Ryzak**. "I got it so I could keep in touch with my parents if I left the house. Now I don't really have a use for it except to check in with my parents on the weekends."

Ryzak thinks that, although pagers are useful, a cell phone was a better investment.

"In using cell phones you can actually talk to someone, Ryzak said. "They are more expensive, but you can't dial 911 with a beeper."

In today's fast paced world, pagers and cell phones had become popular and were important tools of convenience and communication.

~ Patrick McCarney

Surfing the net, senior Jonathan Palver uses one of the library's computers. "I work as an aid, and sometimes I get done with work early," Powell said.

While attending the fall sports banquet held in the school's cafeteria, junior Eric Kocon checks his pager. Cellphones and pagers were not allowed on school grounds during school hours.



Victor Sendejas

WHAT'S BETTER, CELL PHONES OR PAGERS?



"I LIKE PAGERS BECAUSE THEY ARE SMALLER AND EASIER TO CARRY."
-STEVEN WISNIEWSKI- 11TH



"CELL PHONES, BECAUSE YOU CAN TALK TO ANYONE NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE."- VICKI JUAREZ- 10TH



"WITH A CELL PHONE YOU CAN MAKE AND RECEIVE CALLS AT THE SAME TIME."
- MICHAEL HERNANDEZ-11TH

Holding each other close, junior **Renee Wathen** and former GHS student **Mike Cservenak** move slowly to the music. "Mike and I were still good friends when I was looking for a date and I procrastinated in looking for one so he was my last resort," Wathen said. "We still had a good time though."



Corey Hecht

Turnabout Facts

Date: *December 2, 2000*
Time: *6-7 camera hour 7-10 dance*
Theme: *"I Need You"*
Song: *"I Need You" by LeAnn Rimes*
Colors: *Silver and Purple*
Where: *St. George Orthodox Church*
Cost: *$35 dollars per couple*
Tickets Sold: *About 250*

Making it Last

The fun kept going after Turnabout

Getting a dress or a suit and tie, ordering flowers and deciding on where to take pictures are all things that go along with Turnabout. Another important thing that is associated with it is deciding on what to do afterwards.

Going to Chicago was a popular place to go for many students. Sophomore **Julie Connell** went there with a group of friends.

"We went to a restaurant called Giordanos, but while we were waiting for our pizza, my friend Rochelle Huber needed to get a disposable camera because her's wasn't working. So we went walking downtown to look for a store to buy one," Connell said. "It was really scary because it was dark and no one was around."

The day after Turnabout was also when a lot of students decided to hang out with friends and do something fun.

"My friends and I took the train to Chicago and we went to Disney Quest," senior **Elizabeth Dash** said. "The best thing there was the Buzz Light Year bumper car because you had to shoot at other cars to make them spin," Dash said. "Disney Quest was really fun because it was like a giant arcade and everyone was able to find something to do."

Whether it was going out to eat, going to Chicago or spending the night at a friend's house students found ways to keep the fun going after Turnabout.

~Kellie Sternberg



Victor Sendejas

THE COURT REPORT



Tara Bumbales
Jordan Buzea



Melissa Stevens
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Christina Redden
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Doing a little swing dance, seniors **Julie Puttledge** and **Jason Alexander** perform as the rest of the crowd watches. The two stayed up until 2:30 in the morning the night before to make up a dance to have a competition with seniors Stephanie Begle and Kevin Cap.



Victor Sendejas

Showing off their costumes, junior **Carolyne Joseph** and senior **John Jenson** enter the dance. "John and I both felt like being different," Joseph said. "I didn't really want to go the 'traditional' tuxedo route. I knew we could pull it off, so I stuck with the medieval idea."

WHAT WAS THE BEST SONG AT THE DANCE?



"MY FAVORITE SONG THAT THEY PLAYED WAS "AMAZED" BY LONESTAR SINCE IT HAS SENTIMENTAL MEANING."
- JEREMY MARTIN-11TH



"COME ON OVER" BY CHRISTINA AGUILERA BECAUSE WE SANG IT TO MICHELLE AGUILERA BECAUSE WE CALL HER CHRISTINA."
-COURTNEY SMITH-11TH



"BABY GOT BACK" BECAUSE IT'S A SONG THAT REPRESENTS THE SENIOR CLASS GIRLS."
- CARRIE PETROSKI-12TH



Brad Hamilton



Corey Hecht

Soaking up the moment, sophomores **Emily German** and **Jon Melendez** have a dance together after being crowned Turnabout Princess and Prince. "I was really surprised and I felt special wearing the crown all night," German said.

Preparing for the ride home, sophomores **Stephanie Kalisz**, **Kelly Kearney**, **Brandon Allen**, and **Joey Bolzega** get ready to enter their limo after the dance. Many students had to chose between taking a limo or driving to the dance themselves.

Sharing a special moment, freshmen Keenen Hecht and Heather Banks kiss at midnight. They spent New Years at Hecht's house for a family party. Hecht and Banks have been dating since the summer before their freshman year.

Doing a little dance, senior Gregory Bowers celebrates New Year's at senior Veronica Solis' house. "People try to imitate my unique way of dancing and they often ask me how I've developed it," Bowers said. This was the third year in a row Solis has had a New Year's party.

WHAT'S THE BEST PRESENT YOU'VE EVER GOTTEN?



"MY SWEET 16TH BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS THE BEST. MY DAD RENTED A HALL AND A D.J. MY FRIENDS AND I HAD SO MUCH FUN."
-SHANNON HAMMERS-12TH



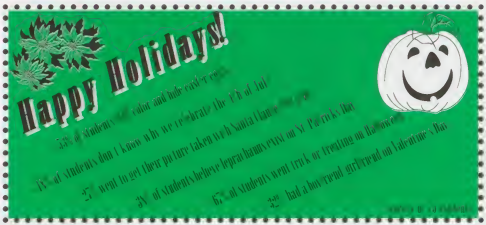
"FOR MY 16TH BIRTHDAY MY DAD BOUGHT ME A WASHBURN GUITAR FROM DYNAMITE MUSIC THAT I NAMED MARIA."
-JASON LEWIS-10TH



"FOR MY 13TH BIRTHDAY MY PARENTS BOUGHT ME A TRAMPOLINE. EVERY SUMMER MY FRIENDS COME OVER AND JUMP ON IT."
-MICHELLE WARSTLER-9TH



Corey Hecht



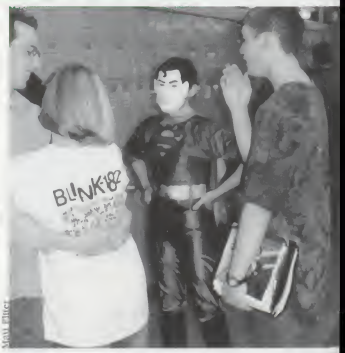


Candice Peters



Corey Hecht

Holding up a present, senior Amanda Nichols spends time after school at the French Club Christmas party. This was the third year GHS has had a French Club and it was sponsored by Nancy Tilka.



Matt Elliott

Dressed up as Superman, junior Kristen Salczynski waits in the hall during passing period with junior Katie Ramsey, and seniors Ryan Horn and Jason Lundquist. Many students were seen around school on Halloween wearing costumes.

Hugs and Kisses

Students make Valentine's Day special

For some, Valentine's Day was spent with friends or family. For others it was a time to be with their significant other doing special things for each other.

Valentine's Day is junior **Danielle Trueblood**'s favorite holiday because it is the one day of the year dedicated to being with the one you love.

"My boyfriend, Eric, and I both love Chinese food, so we ate at China Koon. Then, we rented a movie to watch at my house. He surprised me with a big teddy bear and an hour massage," Trueblood said.

Sophomores **Damian Mitchell** and **Quince Ballas** spent Valentine's Day cooking for sophomores **Kelly Owczarzak** and **Megan Steapleton**.

"We didn't have that much money to spend so we made them chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, and corn," Mitchell said. "It was something nice to do."

These were just a few ways that students at GHS found ways to spend Valentine's Day on a low budget.

~Teri Calhoun





Nikki Clarkson

Ready to catch, sophomore Mary Turkowski waits for senior Tiffany Kender to throw her some beads for Mardi Gras. The French classes did different things to celebrate. Making masks, dragons, and eating crepes and jambalaya were all part of the event



Nikki Clarkson

Lending a hand, freshman Lauren Convery helps get roses sorted for the Student Council Valentine's day fundraiser. Roses were sold for $16 a dozen, $8 dollars per half dozen and $1.50 for one rose.

Time to Relocate

Classes moved into temporary classrooms

Packing up and moving isn't something usually associated with school, but for nine classes and the gym locker rooms a relocation during the second semester was a must.

Sophomore **Tara Bumbales** had to move for her choir class. She didn't think that it would have a positive effect on the rest of the year.

"My choir class is now in the east AV wing. We don't have the same equipment in that we had in our original room, and that makes it harder to sing," Bumbales said. "I don't think it's fair that I have to suffer learning disadvantages when I won't be here for the finished result."

Aimee Sherwood, ceramics, had eight days to move her classroom to the middle school.

"We packed up the room as a class. Without the students help it wouldn't have gotten done," Sherwood said. "It's going to be hard to adjust to the amount of space we have to work in. We have to cut down on production a lot."

Junior **Jacob Malone** agreed with Bumbales because so many inconveniences are going to occur during his last years of high school.

"My APC [Advanced Physical Conditioning] locker room moved to the girl's swimming locker room. Now everything is cramped together and the walk to the weight room is longer," Malone said.

The renovation may cause many problems for students during the next couple of years, but in the end most students will agree the hassle will be worth it.

~Teri Calhoun



Corey Hecht

Looking over some floor plans with some Cranup construction workers, sophomores **Kristen Buehler** and **Stephanie Staples** get a sneak peek at what's ahead. "At first I was excited about the construction, but then after seeing some of the walls torn down I realized it's going to be hard the next couple of years," Staples said.



Matt Flitter



After finally adjusting to a new school, and a new schedule, some freshmen were forced to move their lockers to a different part of the building.

Freshman **Justin Jaracz** had to move his locker and was not very happy about it. "It made me mad that they [administration] knew that we would have to move our lockers, so I don't understand why they didn't just put them by the breezeway to begin with," Jaracz said.





Taking a stroll down the hall, some students take a look at the partitions in the middle school hallway while construction workers work on the other side. Partitions were made so that construction could begin inside the rooms.

Using some time to clean up, sophomores Jamie Darnell and Angelina Hanson wait to use the sink in Mrs. Ashton's art class. A wall was put up in her class between the sinks so that it could be shared by Aimee Sherwood's art classes



Mary Turkowski

WHAT KIND OF PROBLEMS WILL THE SCHOOL'S CONSTRUCTION PRESENT FOR YOU?



"I THINK IT'S DISTRACTING. I ALWAYS LOOK OUT THE WINDOWS DURING MR. [ED] HANKO'S CLASS AT THE BULLDOZERS."
-MICHELLE PREWITT- 12TH



"IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO FIND PLACES TO PRACTICE FOR PANTHERETTES BECAUSE THE FIELDHOUSE WILL BE FULL OF CLASSROOMS NEXT YEAR."
-KENDELL JOHNSTON- 10TH



"I WON'T HAVE A SWIMMING LOCKER ANYMORE BECAUSE THE GYM CLASSES WILL BE USING THEM."
-DRAKE BISTROW- 9TH



Mary Turkowski

Ryan Britton

Constructing the new parking lot, one of the construction workers measures some wood. The new parking lot was made for the students and was opened in November and it opened up seventy- five new spots.



Working with some clay, senior Daniel Schoon keeps an eye on the construction during his third hour ceramics class. The old teachers' parking lot was the first thing to get torn up during the renovation.

Adding the the finishing touches to his iced capaccino, senior Gregory Bowers enjoys a half day at the mall. The mall added a new food court with a variety of different restaurants.

After getting their refreshments seniors Joshua Moon and Timothy Thrion walk into the theater at Showplace16. The movies were a very popular place because of the cheap prices and the free refills available.



Victor Sendejas



Victor Sendejas

Moments Free

Students find ways to enjoy extra time

Rush to school... finish the paper... go to practice... go to work. With students continually on the move, it was hard to find one moment for themself, but when they did find the free time it was enjoyed in many different ways.

Some sleep or watch TV, but freshman **Abigail Hinchy** thought that spending too much time alone is boring.

"If I have a whole time of free time I will definitely go out with my friends," Hinchy said. "Being by yourself after while becomes boring I end up running out of things to do."

Sleeping is what sophomore **Jeffrey Konopasek** perfers to do.

"On the weekdays when I come home from school I have to sleep or I have no energy for the rest of the day," Konopasek said.

Other students had sports and extra curricular activities that take up some of their time.

"Pantherettes takes up most of my time," senior **Lindsey Powers** said. "When I am not at practice, I love to hang out with my friends."

Free activities definitely varied throughout GHS students, but most agreed that when the time comes it was greatly enjoyed.

~Emily Gierman





Candice Peters

Enjoying a relaxing day, seniors Justin Sidor and Mark Forster fish at Pastrick's Marina in East Chicago when the weather allows. The two have gone fishing there together for the past two years.





Candice Peters

Enjoying a few free minutes before class, seniors Melissa Gaddini, Nikki Geffert, and Sarah Handley have a little laugh. The three talked everyday before going to their 7th hour class near each other.



Nikki Clarkson

Sitting in the hallway sophomore Patrick McCarney finishes up a few problems on his homework. "I try to do the least amount of homework at home, so whenever I have a free minute I work on it," McCarney said.



Matt Filter



Victor Sendejas

Resting her eyes after a long day of school, freshman Belinda Sendejas takes a nap in her bed. "I had a really hard day at school so when I came home to relax I fell asleep," Sendejas said.

Between customers, senior Selena Saldana reads a magazine. Saldana worked at Endless Summer and was able to work her schedule around her other extra curricular activities.



Nikki Clarkson

While many students watch TV and sleep at any given chance, junior Tiffany Juarez uses her time for excercise. "Whenever I get a free moment I run because it relieves all my stress," Juarez said. "I can just think about everything that is going on and I feel so much better."

Reaching up high, Griffith students try to catch the footballs the cheerleaders were throwing to the fans after a touchdown. The students were sitting in the newly formed Panther Pit, which was a section just for student fans.



Nikki Clarkson



Ryan Sutton

We've Got Spirit

Students showed support in many ways

"A lot of crazy Griffith kids wanting their school to win," is how sophomore **Steffen Redar** defines school spirit.

Redar showed his school spirit by attending games and wearing black and gold shirts.

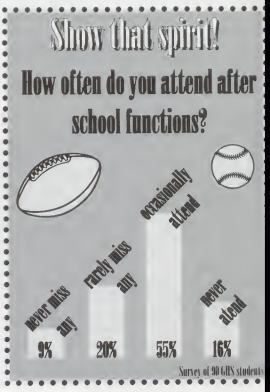
"Griffith has a lot of school spirit because when I go to games I see lots of Panther fans," Redar said. "Also homecoming week allows us to show our school spirit."

Junior **Douglas Pondo**, who supported the football team by painting his face black and gold for the Homecoming game, said that the school spirit at Griffith could be higher.

"To raise the school spirit we need to have a lot more pep rallys because it gets the players pumped and then the students are pumped so they want to go and watch," Pondo said.

No matter how much or how little school spirit there was, it was one way for students to bond closer together, according to sophomore **Shannon Thiel**.

"I think that if the school had more spirit then more people would get along," Thiel said. "It would also make school more fun and interesting to be in." ~*Kellie Sternberg*





Preparing to hang a good luck sign, senior **Sarah Govert** decorates senior Tyler Radkte's locker before school. The football players lockers were decorated before almost every game to get them pumped up.



Nikki Clarkson

Digging in her locker sophomore **Kristin Domsic** reaches for some candy. Domsic and other Panthettes' lockers were decorated with candy, hair spray, bows and signs to wish them good luck at their state competition.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE SCHOOL SPIRIT AT GHS?



"THE SCHOOL SPIRIT AT GHS IS OKAY, BUT WE COULD USE SOME MORE PEP RALLYS. IF WE HAD MORE CHANCES TO SHOW SPIRIT I THINK A LOT MORE PEOPLE WOULD PARTICIPATE." -MELANIE FIDDES-9TH



"THERE IS A LOT OF SCHOOL SPIRIT BECAUSE OF SPIRIT WEEK AND LOCKERS ARE ALWAYS DECORATED. ALSO ESPECIALLY WHEN TEAMS GO TO SECTIONALS, THAT'S WHEN THE SPIRIT IS REALLY HIGH." -SHAWN BERNICKY-10TH



"NO WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF SCHOOL SPIRIT BECAUSE WE WEREN'T VERY ENTHUSIASTIC AT THE PEP RALLY." -PHILLIP SCHLOSSBERG -12TH



Many students attend football games, but not many students can say they went to every single football game. Senior **Robert Jensen** was an exception. Jensen went to all the home football games. "I figured I would go to as many games as I could and get involved as much as possible," Jensen said. "We only had one more year left that we could support each other and act like idiots. So I asked myself how can I show support and have fun, yet still be an idiot? The paint was the ANSWER!" Jensen said he painted his face for practically every home game to show his school spirit.



Matt Fliter



Matt Fliter

Waiting for the next paper, **Ed Hanko**, Math, stamps homework papers. Most teachers liked to wear their Griffith Panther shirts on Fridays to show their support, but it wasn't required.

Filling out a worksheet, senior **Breanne Steagall** does some homework in Government class. Members of the volleyball team bought tie-dyed shirts to wear to school on game days.



Applying some paint, sophomore Bena Rodriguez and senior Crystal Wilcox, work on constructing the set. There were nine members of the stage crew who helped construct the set and move it during the play.

Corey Hecht



Sitting perfectly still, senior Jason Lundquist gets his lines done by junior Sarah Roybourne. "I enjoyed doing make-up because I take pride in the job I do," Roybourne said. "I feel like I'm an important part of the play."

Corey Hecht



Getting loosened up before the play, sophomore Carolyne Joseph talks to senior Rachel Thomas. "I would listen to early 90's hip hop like Vanilla Ice and House of Pain with Renee [Wotkun] to warm up for the play," Joseph said. "It also do a lot of screaming."

Corey Hecht



Corey Hecht

Practice = Perfect

Two months of practice put into Harvey

What does it take to put a play together? The obvious things are the actors, props, a script and a set, but one thing that is definitely needed is a lot of time. Members of the student directed play, *Harvey* had only two months from auditions to showtime to prepare.

According to sophomore **Jaclyn Gerdes** two months was enough time to get ready.

"When you work hard and try hard you accomplish more," Gerdes said. "We had enough time to prepare as long as we continued to work hard."

Two months was a sufficient amount of time to prepare although an extra two of three weeks could have benefitted the production, according to junior **Andrew Augustyn**.

"Everything worked out alright because there was a strong sense of camaraderie amongst the participants in the production," Augustyn said.

Even though the cast wasn't given much time everyone picked it up a little, according to Gerdes.

"Everyone was willing to pull together so we could get everything finished in time," Gerdes said.~***Kellie Sternberg***



Corey Hecht

Giving orders to junior Andrew Augustyn, senior Candice Peters instructs him to put Elwood P. Dowd (the man who sees the rabbit) into the sanitarium. "The student directors of Harvey were seniors John Jensen and Janis Walenkiewicz.



Discussing a book, sophomore Patrick McCarney talks to the imaginary rabbit, Harvey, that his character sees. "I saw the movie *Harvey* and I liked it a lot so I decided that I wanted to try out and play the guy who sees the rabbit," McCarney said.

Helping out junior Marissa Sills, senior Janis Wolenkiewicz, makes sure she has all her lines memorized. "It wasn't as stressful because I was only in one scene," senior Rachel Thomas (the maid) said. "Those of us only in one scene would just sit and talk or watch the play from the wings."



Nikki Clarkson



Corey Hecht

Harvey Info

Dates: Friday March 9th and Saturday March 10th at 7:30

Cast

Elwood P. Dowd-Patrick McCarney
Veta Louise Simmons-Carolyne Joseph
Ruth Kelly R.N.-Candice Peters
Dr. Sanderson-Gregory Bowers
Wilson-Andrew Augustyn
Myrtle Mae Simmons-Marissa Sills
Dr. Chumley-Adam Brownfield
Judge Omar Gaffney-Jason Lundquist
Mrs. Chumley-Renee Wotkun
Mrs. Chauvenet-Julie Purgert
Margo Lofgren-Jacklyn Gerdes
Miss Johnson-Rachel Thomas



Corey Hecht

Giving the news to senior Gregory Bowers, junior Renee Wotkun tells him that that the man who needs to be committed just left. "Ever since my freshman year in *Sweet Charity* I realized I loved being on stage," Wotkun said. "I just tried out and ended up getting a small little part. It was a fun experience jamming a lot of rehearsals into a small amount of time."

Easy does it, as senior Jason Lundquist with the help of junior Marissa Sills, leads sophomore Carolyne Joseph to a seat. "Most of the cast came together really well," senior **Julie Purgert** (Mrs. Chauvenet) said. "Candice [Peters], Greg [Bowers] and Pat [McCarney] were really talented and it was great to work with them. I wish they could've joined sooner."



Kellie Sternberg

Using all his strength, senior **Victor Sendejas** kayaks in front of seniors **Joshua Moon**, **Timothy Thirion** and **Nicolas Kasbohm** at Turkey Run. The four of them camped overnight the Saturday after Prom with a group of 24 people.



Kate Higginbotham

Making him soar through the air, seniors **Scott Negrete** and **Bret Rocchietti** flip senior **Jason Lundquist**, at Mount Baldi. "We mostly just hung out on the beach and relaxed and ate food that day," senior **Kate Higginbotham** said.



Nick Crawford

Clenching to their safety bars, seniors **Sarah Govert**, **Jillian Tsirtis**, **Julie Rutledge** and **Andrea Melendez** ride the Giant Drop at Great America. The four of them met with the rest of their group at the fountain at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.



Matt Flitter

Taken to Extremes

Good times were had all of prom weekend

"Let the after prom festivities begin", was something that many students were saying as soon as the music stopped at Prom. It is traditional for many students who attended the dance to keep the fun alive by going places such as camping and Great America all weekend.

Senior **Phillip Schlosberg** went to Chicago after the dance.

"When we got to Chicago we were too tired to even do anything because everyone fell asleep on the way there," Schlosberg said. "So we just told the limo driver to take us home."

Camping was a popular choice among students. Junior **Kyle Mann** went camping up at the dunes by Mount Baldi.

"The funnest thing I did there was I climbed up a dune and tumbled all the way down," Mann said.

While some went camping, others just went for the day. Schlosberg and his friends went down to Turkey Run on Saturday.

"We hiked on the trails for four hours and afterwards we went out to dinner," Schlosberg said.

While most students said they had a good time at Prom, most would agree that they had the most fun during the rest of the weekend.

~Kellie Sternberg



Victor Sendejas

Digging in, **Melissa Trienstra** from Hanover Central and junior **David Peterson** chow down during dinner. Dinner consisted of salad, rolls, roast beef, chicken, mostaccioli, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes and cake.



Swing dancing together, junior **Craig Vucich** and senior **Brandon Bruce** get down on the dance floor. The two have been good friends since the sixth grade and they thought it would be fun to dance together at Prom.

Sharing an intimate moment out on the dance floor, junior **Laura Blahunka** kisses GHS graduate **Adam Collins**. The two attended Prom together and have been dating since Blahunka was a sophomore.



Victor Sendejas

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE NEW HALL?



"IT WASN'T AS BIG AS I EXPECTED BECAUSE THE OUTSIDE WAS SO BIG, IT WAS A TIGHT SQUEEZE, BUT OTHER THAN THAT EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT."
-STEPHANIE PINKERTON -10TH



"I LIKED IT A LOT. I THOUGHT IT WAS A LOT FANCIER AND BIGGER. THEY SERVED BETTER FOOD AND THEY WERE MORE ORGANIZED."
- EMILY JENNINGS- 11TH



"IT WAS NICE, DINNER WAS MUCH BETTER. I LIKED THE WINDOWS THAT THEY HAD THERE. IT WAS REALLY COOL."
-RACHEL SFERRUZZA- 12TH

THE COURT REPORT



Danielle Trueblood
Jonathon Rogowski



Allison Banta
Anthony Rodriguez



Brittany Parent
Matthew Harnew



Jaclyn Leffel
Matthew Gonzalez



Kimberly Reyome
Neil Dimos

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Danielle Trueblood



Matt Flitter

Belting it out **Nelson Joyce** from Lew Wallace High School, junior **Oaunette Guise**, former GHS student **Joe Warnick**, and seniors **Lance White** and **Kasheena Green** perform "If I Ever Fall in Love Again" for the crowd. Warnick wanted to dedicate the song to his girlfriend, senior Sara Saltanowitz.

Prom Facts

Date: *May 11, 2001*
Time: *6-7 camera hour 7-11 dance*
Theme: *"At Last"*
Song: *"At Last" by Etta James*
Colors: *fuschia and lime green*
Total amount of students: *361 attended Prom*
Cost: *$60 per couple*
Where: *Halls of St. George*

Embracing her special boy, senior **Christy Bumbales** dips senior **Shauna Santare's** younger brother while she lip syncs to Jessica Simpson. Bumbales performed along with seniors **Michelle Prewitt**, **Lindsey Powers** and **Shauna Santare** to a medley of pop songs.

Getting their groove thing on, junior **Claunette Guise** and secretary **Cathy Mendenhall** dance on stage during the talent show. "We knew we were going to pull people on stage but we didn't know who. It just happened to be Mrs. Mendenhall," Guise said.

WHAT ACT GAVE THE BEST PERFORMANCE?



"I liked the Pixie Stix because they knew what they were doing and it was put together very well." - *Tabatha Williams-9th*



"When F/D2L & Eternity brought everyone up on the stage to dance was great. I also liked when the group Bacne performed." -*Quince Ballas-10th*



"Muhammad Tabasco was the best because their drummer [Angel Velez] was awesome and I liked their outfits." - *Amy Walker-12th*



Teri Calhoun



Teri Calhoun

Talent Show Winners

1st-Muhammad Tabasco & the Tabascoettes

Ryan Horn, William Barriga, Matt Lewis, Angel Velez, Matthew Lewis, Scott Negrete, Hillary and Mallory Bernath, Kristen Domisc Ashley Enloe, Marissa Sills

2nd-Marissa Sills

3rd-Pixie Stix

Brittany Parent, Kimberly Reyome, Marissa Sills

Speaking in front of a filled auditorium, senior **John Jensen** emcees the talent show. Jensen used different accents and changed his wardrobe twice during the show.



Teri Calhoun



What a Shock!

Surprises at the talent show kept coming

The third annual talent show seemed to wow a majority of the crowd this year with it's many surprises.

Senior **Daniel Riordan** advertised his act as a "secret performance". He came on stage and read "Danny the Dinosaur" while senior **Ryan Horn** played the guitar in the background.

"We were all waiting in anticipation until he came out with a book and everyone that knew Dan knew what he was going to do," sophomore **Amanda Cervantes** said.

Senior **Kasheena Green** and junior **Claunette Guise** sang and danced to a mixture of hip hop songs including Will Smith's "Men in Black" and Missy Elliot's "Get your Freak On." By the end of their performance they had pulled many students and staff members, including the school secretary **Cathy Mendenhall**, on stage.

"I was in shock. I kept thinking my poor kid[Matt] must be so embarrassed to have to watch his mom on stage dancing in front of all of his friends," Mendenhall said.

During Muhammad Tabasco's performance of "Foxy Lady," sophomores **Kristin Domsic** and **Ashley Enloe**, and juniors **Hillary** and **Mallory Bernath** tumbled down the aisles of the auditorium.

"I thought the flipping down the aisles made the performance more exciting.It gave it that extra appeal," sophomore **Alexandra Solis** said. ***~Teri Calhoun***



Junior **Marissa Sills** was in the talent show for three different acts. She sang a solo, danced with the Tabascoettes, and sang a Dixie Chicks medley with juniors Brittany Parent and Kimberly Reyome. Sills won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for her performances. She said it was hard to find time to fit everything in.

"When it came down to the last few weeks before the show, it became very stressful. The Pixie Stix act was one of my main concerns because we only had three practices for it. We also spent a lot of time on Sunday afternoons rehearsing for the Muhhamad Tabasco act," Sills said.



Teri Calhoun



Teri Calhoun

Preparing to dance, junior **Mallory Bernath** and sophomore **Ashley Enloe** make a starting pose against the wall in the auditorium. The band Muhhamad Tabasco asked the girls to choreograph a dance to one of their songs.

Telling a little tale, senior **Daniel Riordan** reads Danny and the Dinosaur during the talent show. "Mrs. Cox told me I should do something in the talent show so I decided to read a book. Andy Kaufman inspired me when he read The Great Gatsby on stage one time," Riordan said.

Change of Plans

Movement of graduation created mix-ups

Graduation. Something signifying the end of a student's high school career. It lets students all be together one last time at school, whether it was held outside on the football field or inside the gym. But for the first time ever graduation was not held at Griffith. Students found out three weeks before graduation that due to construction it was moved to the Halls of St. George. Students were also only given six tickets instead of eight.

The change was upsetting, according to senior **Tanya Lenker**.

"I wanted to graduate at the school in Griffith," Lenker said. "The hall was really pretty. I liked it, but I just wished that more of my family could've went."

Having the graduation moved was disappointing, according to senior **Jeffrey Cook**.

"Graduation has always been at the school," Cook said."I had already sent all the invitations out and it was just a shock because of all the money spent."

Although many were upset about the big change, most would agree everything went well at the new hall.

"The ceremony went really good. It was really organized," Cook said. "It went better than I had expected it to go."

~Kellie Sternberg



Corey Hecht

Trying to relax, senior **Tom Zeller** enjoys a sucker while waiting to start the ceremony. Students were asked to arrive at the hall by 6:15 to start lining up. The ceremony began at seven.



Corey Hecht

Filing in, senior **Robert Jensen** walks to his seat. Jensen was the senior class president. He presented a speech during the ceremony about friendships and relationships that were formed throughout high school.



Corey Hecht

Class of 2001 Facts

Favorite Year of High School

57% Senior year
20% Junior year

Hardest Year of High School

32% Junior year
28% Sophomore year

Easiest Year of High School

50% Senior year
30% Freshman year

–Survey of 100 Seniors



Expressing his feelings, senior **Paul Dalach** gives his valedictorian address as Assistant Principal **Ken Becknell** listens from the side of the stage. There were over 1500 people that attended the ceremony.

Making sure everything is perfect, seniors **Christopher Peacock**, **Tyler Radtke** and **Craig Kovera** fix their hats and make sure their tassles are on the correct side. Graduation was held on June 8, 2001 and 195 seniors participated in it.



Corey Hecht



Corey Hecht

Showing her love, senior **Sarah Govert** hugs her dad, school board member **Dan Govert**. "I was really happy to have my dad give me my diploma," Govert said. "I hugged him and told him I loved him."



Corey Hecht

Smiling with joy, senior **Marie Ritchey** walks over to senior class sponsor **Mrs. Barbara Deleget** after receiving her diploma. Deleget gave every girl in the senior class the class flower, which was the daffodil.

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER THE MOST ABOUT THIS YEAR?



"TURNABOUT WAS THE BEST. I LOVED DRESSING UP IN BIG FANCY DRESSES AND GETTING MY HAIR AND NAILS DONE." - AMANDA BORDERS-9TH



"THE BOMB THREAT. IT WAS SCARY AND NOBODY KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON, PLUS I WASN'T SURE IF IT WAS REAL OR NOT." -MELISSA STEVENS-10TH



"I REMEMBER WHEN DOUG PONDO CLIMBED OUT OF THE WINDOW IN FRENCH CLASS." -ADAM WILBERT-11TH



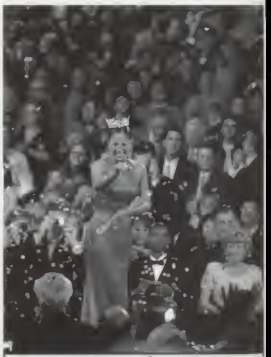
"ACTIVITIES DAY, HOMECOMING AND THE TALENT SHOW, ALSO I'LL REMEMBER HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIENDS." -KASHEENA GREEN-12TH



Musicians from left to right Justin Timberlake of 'N Sync, Steven Tyler of Aerosmith, Britney Spears, Nelly and Lance Bass of 'N Sync perform during halftime of Super Bowl XXXV on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001.



George W. Bush takes the oath of office from Chief Justice William Rehnquist to become the 43rd president on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, in Washington D.C.



Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio, the former Miss Hawaii, waves to the crowd after winning the Miss America pageant.

Year in Review

~Complied by Kellie Sternberg with pictures provided by Associated Press

Griffith in Review

September • • First ever semi-formal Homecoming Dance held on the 30th.

October • • Assistant Principal Sharon Sanelli arrived.

November • • The musical *Bye Bye Birdie* was performed from the 17th through the 19th.

December • • Jim Pickett's room was redecorated by Marguerite Keithley's interior decorating class.

January • • Assistant principal Jeff Kubasyk was replaced temporarily by Kenneth Becknell.

February • • First ever date for a day was held on the 16th. Pantherettes received 2nd place at State competition.

March • • The high school received a bomb threat on the 5th which caused the whole school to evacuate to the bus barn.

April • • Penny Wars was sponsored by DECA and Susan Patrick's British Literature class and the main office won chicken wings and cookies.

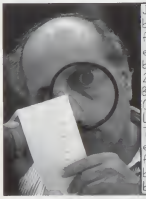
May • • Prom was held on the 11th. The Senior Banquet was the 21st at the Sherwood Club.

June • • Last day of school was the 6th. Graduation was held on Friday the 9th.





The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree stands lit in the Rockefeller Center in New York on New Year's Eve. The tree was lit to the cheers of thousands of spectators who braved the freezing temperatures to watch.



Judge Robert Rosenberg uses a magnifying glass to examine a disputed ballot Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at the Broward County Courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The presidential election was held up for over a month because of disputed ballots in Florida.



The Dixie Chicks from left, Martie Seidel, Emily Robinson, and Natalie Maines receive awards for Country Artist of the Year, Country Duo/Group of the Year, Country Album of the Year and Country Albums Artist of the Year during the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000.



Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Brandon Stokley hauls in a 38-yard touchdown pass in front of New York Giants cornerback Jason Sehorn in the first quarter of Super Bowl XXXV on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001.



The closing ceremony fireworks for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games erupt over the Sydney Harbor Bridge and Opera House Sunday, October 1, 2000.



Doing a little last minute studying for Spell Bowl seniors **Marie Ritchey** and **Shauna Santare** go over words before regional competition at Griffith. The team received second at regionals and went on to earn fifth at State competition.

academics

a different mix of classes

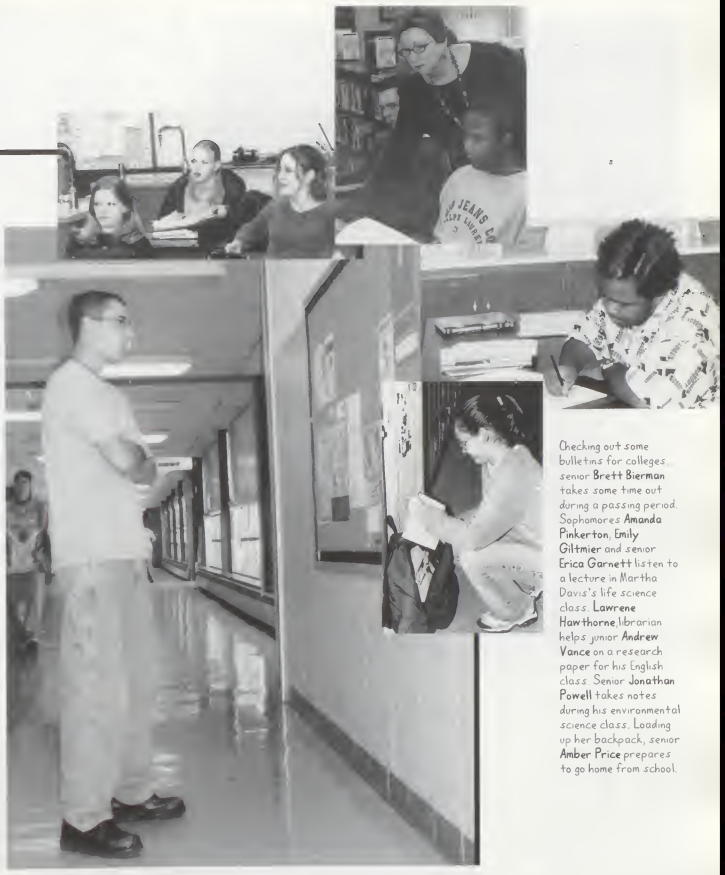
At the start of the school year there was quite a bit of confusion due to the many changes occuring in academics. Along with the addition of 12 new faculty members, all of the teachers had to figure out a creative way of implementing **different** parts of *Don Quixote* into their curriculum. The I-Books were available for the first time to be used in classrooms, which helped to bring the internet resources of the library to the classroom. Some teachers presented a **mix** on learning by taking classes on fieldtrips. Theresa Swetky took her senior British Literature classes to see *Romeo and Juliet*, while Andrea McMullin took her child development classes to a Broad Horizons daycare. Classrooms were switched during the third quarter because **of** the construction. The "W" hallway and gym locker rooms had to relocate and be put with other **classes**. Along with construction came distraction for some students because it was visible from classroom windows, and the sounds happened all during classes. Although there were distractions, the learning still continued.

---by candice peters





New Assistant Principal **Sharon Sanelli** has a conversation with sophomore **Morris Sims** before school in the sophomore hallway. Below: Juniors **Brandon Powell**, **Lauren Chappell**, **Nicholas Demske**, and **Barbara Branch** teach a lesson on diversity to a first grade class at Ready Elementary.



Checking out some bulletins for colleges, senior **Brett Bierman** takes some time out during a passing period. Sophomores **Amanda Pinkerton**, **Emily Giltmier** and senior **Erica Garnett** listen to a lecture in Martha Davis's life science class. **Lawrene Hawthorne**, librarian helps junior **Andrew Vance** on a research paper for his English class. Senior **Jonathan Powell** takes notes during his environmental science class. Loading up her backpack, senior **Amber Price** prepares to go home from school.



Corey Hecht

DILIGENTLY WORKING. Aniee Sherwood, ceramics, fixes a piece of art in the ceramics room. Sherwood took over for Robert D. Witt when he retired after 31 years of teaching.

TAKING A BREAK. Andrea McMullin, family and consumer science, and junior Amber Kepple talk during child development class. "I took child development because I am interested in child care as a profession," Kepple said, "and the class is more of a group thing than individual."



Victor Sendejas

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Why do you enjoy having new teachers?



"New teachers bring a fresh new perspective to the subject they teach."
~Lisa Stalbaum, sophomore



"I like that they are young and that they have a lot of energy about teaching and they are genuinely excited to be in the classroom."
~Justin Grimmer, senior



"I like the fact that they bring their life experiences to their classroom."
~Rachelle Chandler, freshman



"The new teachers are not judgemental at all. Teachers that know your can judge you on how their siblings act."
~Jamie Sanchez, junior

WORKING WITH A STUDENT, Melissa Culver, health, helps sophomore Kevin Jerred look for information on drinking and driving. Culver teaches health to mostly sophomores and is one of nine new teachers who started at GHS this year.



Corey Hecht

STEFAN PAHL

GRADE
11th

STATUS
Pahl is a foreign exchange student from Cologne, Germany.



HOW DO SCHOOLS IN GERMANY DIFFER FROM THE UNITED STATES?
"In Germany, there are four different types of schools. I attend grammar school, which is the school for the most advanced students. We are graded differently also. Fifty percent of our grade is stuff that we write and the other fifty percent is participation."

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF GHS?
"People are definitely friendlier here than in Germany."

A NEW BEGINNING

New Faculty Brings Fresh New Ideas

As the new school year began, students prepared for new schedules, lockers, and atmosphere. Aside from the students, nine new teachers, one vice principal, and one guidance counselor entered GHS to begin their jobs at a new school. Many new teachers have brought ideas to use within their classroom.

According to **Nancy Tilka**, who previously taught at Bishop Noll Institute and Purdue Calumet, giving her students a better outlook on the world is what she wants to accomplish this year.

"I want my students to have a broader view of the world," Tilka said, "through the study of another language and culture."

Rosie Cosme, foreign language, is implementing new teaching ideas also. She placed a few students in mastery learning groups. This is where students study Spanish at their own pace.

"I allow some students to work at a more advanced pace in a group," Cosme said. "After they are done researching, they teach the class what they have learned. All the students placed in this group have above 100 percent average."

> ***"I think of teaching as a way of learning myself."***
> ***~Rosie Cosme, foreign language***

Learning to use the internet is one main thing **Anita Cox**, social studies, wants to accomplish.

"I hope to teach my students to use the internet more to broaden the students' research methods," Cox said. "I also want my students to have the ability to think, learn more about the world around them, and improve their judgment skills.

In addition, Cosme, who was a student teacher for Irma Coddington last year, thinks teaching is a way of learning for herself.

"I see teaching as a way of learning myself," Cosme said. "I like kids and I think education is important. I hope to give my students a grasp on a different language." *~Brandi Harveth*





Nikki Clarkson

CHATTING IT UP, sophomores **Mary Turkowski** and **Aziana Azizan** look over some homework during their lunch hour. Azizan came to Griffith from Malaysia this year.



Corey Hecht

PASSING OUT PAPERS **Andrew Oswalt**, tech. ed, gives a lecture to one of his classes. Oswalt used to be a wrestling coach at Harrison Middle School in Merrillville.

Random FACTS on our faculty.

**Eleven new FACULTY members.

**One new GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, Tom Golumbeck.

**A new VICE PRINCIPAL, Sharon Sanelli, who took the place of Robert McDermott.

**Anita Cox took over as SPONSOR of Student Council.

WHAT'S WITH DON QUIXOTE?

For the first **50** years of his life Don Quixote lived in a little village of **LA MANCHA** and devoted his entire life to working on his estate and hunting. He had a great obsession with **KNIGHTHOOD** and **CHIVALRY**, which led him into a sort of madness that inspired him to become a wandering **KNIGHT**. He then set out to fight the world's wrongs using only the might of his sword.

PRESENTING GAMES from Medieval times, seniors **Kathleen Vanek** and **Shauna Santare** teach their 7th hour APC class how to juggle. Bernice Koby's P.E. and APC classes all taught games like chess, and Nine Men's Morris because those were the types of games played back in Don Quixote's time.



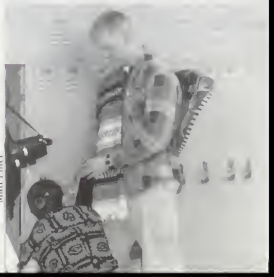
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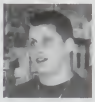


Matt Pitter

WHAT DO YOU THINK? What have you done with Don Quixote?



"In Spanish we looked up cities that Don Quixote traveled to and wrote a paragraph about them. I had fun and learned alot. I didn't know."~**Melissa Meczinkowski**, freshman



"It was interesting to learn about the time of Don Quixote. In English we used the i-Books to research knighthood and chivalry."~**Jeromy Glover**, sophmore



"In math class we did problems that had to do with Don Quixote. In psychology we used the i-Books to do research for a report."~**Allison Banta**, junior



"In sociology class we wrote a paper that compared the prison system of Medieval times to prisons today, and it included information on medieval torture"~**Justin McDonald**, senior



PLAYING THE PART, senior **Sarah Blanchard** and junior **Cynthia Woerner** pass out candy on the spanish club float. Blanchard and Woerner dressed as Dulcinea and Don Quixote to show Spanish spirit.

ENGAGED IN THE BOOK, senior **Elizabeth Dash** reads Don Quixote during her British literature class. "I liked the story," Dash said. "He was a very creative character and I liked the magnative stories he came up with."



Elizabeth Dash



DRESSED TO IMPRESS, senior **David Haldi** and junior **Nikki Love** chat at Love's locker. This year, Student Council asked students to wear sombrero's and Spanish style dresses during one day of homecoming week to support the project.

FINDING INFORMATION, sophomores **Steffen Redar** and **Shawn Bernicky** work on the i-Books to research Medieval people. Many times students had to work in the hallways because the wireless internet didn't always work in classrooms.

TECHNO TEACHING

$300,000 purchasesnew technology

What do i-Books, digital cameras, and laser printers have in common? They were all purchased by the High Tech Grant received by GHS this year.

The Director of Technology, **Roberta Dragomer**, applied for the $300,000 grant, and won it over 132 other schools.

"I feel proud we got this grant, it was a big deal" ~Roberta Dragomer

"I feel proud we got this grant. This was a big deal," Dragomer said.

Don Quixote and his "Impossible Dream" were chosen to tie into every class this year.

"In Spanish, we had to do a skit where Don Quixote went from the past into the future. It was really interesting to compare Medieval times to present day situations," junior **Alida Baldazo** said. "I really learned a lot and had fun."

Even cooking classes made Medieval food and appetizers just like Don Quixote would have eaten. Child development classes also found a way to tie in Don Quixote.

"The students learned about Don Quixote's family tree, and then made their own," **Andrea McMullin** said.

The choir department did music from "Man of La Mancha" for their Spring concert.

"I liked learning about Don Quixote and all the different things he did I also enjoyed using all the new computers," freshman **Cory McCarter** said. *~Christina Boncela*

SO YOU WANNA BE A TEACHER?

Exploratory teachers chat about memories

Grading papers, making copies, and helping students is what 13 students did for the first two hours of every school day. Instead of coming to the high school, they went to one of the Griffith elementary schools and worked with the young students.

According to senior **Marie Ritchey** the reason she joined exploratory teaching was to make sure that teaching is what she really wanted to do in the future.

"I grade papers, set up bulletin boards, give the students spelling tests, and just help them," Ritchey said. "It is a great learning experience."

Many of the elementary students seem to look up to these exploratory teachers. Ritchey said that they were very appreciative for what she did for them.

"For Halloween, I brought my kids cookies and juice," Ritchey said. "They all made me thank-you cards which had cute little pictures and notes in them."

> ***"...some of the students I tutored for went up two grades on the next test." ~Rachel Thomas,senior***

Many memories were made during the course of the year. Senior **Rachel Thomas** thought that the students' improvement was the best memory.

"My favorite memory was when the teacher I worked with told me that some of the students I tutored for went up two grades on the next test," Thomas said.

Whether these students decide to become teachers or not, they always made an impact on young students.

~Brandi Harveth



Matt Fliter



Matt Fliter

WORKING WITH STUDENTS. senior Julie Purgert helps her first graders with their school work. "My best moment so far was getting a ring from one of the little girls in my class," Purgert said. "I thought it was so sweet how she had one too and wanted to match me."



Matt Fliter

HELPING OUT senior Lisa Carroll works with one of her students during the first two hours of school. "To help the teacher out I pass out papers," Carroll said. "I also help the students with their homework or whatever they bring me to help them do."



ANSWERING QUESTIONS. senior Michelle Popovich works with students during the day. The exploratory teachers were the only students in the school that had a guaranteed parking spot in the parking lot.

HITTING THE BOOKS. senior Sarah Fry works with her fifth grade students in the library. This year, one student was allowed to be an exploratory teacher the last two hours of the day instead of the traditional first two hours of the day.



Victor Sendejas

JASON ALEXANDER



GRADE: 12th

GRADE TAUGHT: 5th

SCHOOL TAUGHT AT: Beiriger

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE AN EXPLORATORY TEACHER?

"I wanted to find out if I would like being a teacher and I wanted to get a little experience with children."

WHY DID YOU WANT YOUR GRADE?

"Because I can't handle little children and fifth graders are still innocent. Plus I like being a role model."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What's your favorite part about being an exploratory teacher?



"I enjoy working with the kids because they're so cute and fun to be around."
~Melissa Gaddini, senior



"It is good to learn how to interact with younger kids. It's funny to think that we acted like that."
~Andrea Melendez, senior



"I like the fact that I have it the last two hours of the day. It's a nice way to end the school year."
~Veronica Solis, senior



"I like that I get to wake up and go to school a little later."
~Amber Piekarczyk, senior

The FACTS On Exploratory Teaching.

14 Total number of exploratory teachers

NUMBER of exploratory teachers at each school.

7 at Beiriger

3 at Franklin

2 at Wadsworth

2 at Ready

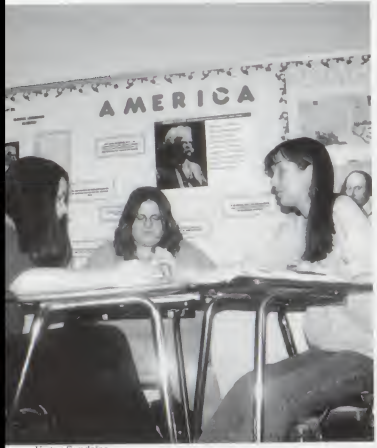


Matt Filter

PREPARING FOR CLASS. senior Sarah Handley helps her teacher art yarn before students arrive. Handley was an exploratory teacher for kindergarten at Berger Elementary.

HELPING OUT, senior **Marie Ritchey** points out facts for seniors **Tiffany Kender** and **Kristina Toth** in their English class. The three seniors were discussing the finer points of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in preparation for the test

COLOR CODING her Earth Science notes, freshman **Trista Guerra** takes time out from basketball practice after school to do some homework. "I have to eat before I study because that helps me do better," Guerra said.



Victor Sendejas



Nikki Clarkson

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Where's your favorite place to study?



"In my bedroom, because I listen to my stereo while I study."
~Matthew Euber, junior



"Starbucks, because they have jazz music and jazz music fuels my studying engine."
~Krysten Fane, junior



"At Borders with my boyfriend Chris because I can drink cappuccinos, then take a break to listen to music or read a book."
~Holly Williams, junior



"I study under my bed because I'm less distracted and it makes it more interesting."
~Sonya Ortiz, sophomore



Nikki Clarkson

CONSIDERING OPTIONS for their French skit, freshmen **Emily Etheridge** and **Julie Sims** use the skit as an effective study tool. "It helped us comprehend and taught us how to have a conversation in French," Etheridge said.



LAURA ANDERSON



GRADE
11th

STATUS
Laura studied an average of 20 minutes for every test.

HOW DO YOU NORMALLY STUDY?

"I sit in between the couch and the loveseat because they come together at a right angle, and I have perfect back support. It's the greatest place to be."

SCRIBBLING AWAY senior Theresa Nagel works on some homework in Theresa Swetky's classroom. "I take my book and notes home (to study) and try to take in everything," Nagel said. "Miss Swetky's tests are hard."



Nikki Clarkson

THE NUMBERS

The Class You Study the Most For

- 41 science
- 33 other
- 32 math
- 31 history
- 13 english
- 11 foreign language

survey of 161 students

HITTING THE BOOKS

Students study in different ways

Cramming for her Spanish test, junior **Claunette Guise** flips hurriedly through her book and checks some last-minute notes. She has known about the test for the last week, but hasn't bothered to study until the night before the test.

"I wait until the night before because I get more eager to study," Guise said. "I have a reason to study; I can't say 'Oh, I have three or four more days to study.' I don't have any other choice."

With things like jobs, sports, clubs and a social life to juggle on top of school, it's easier for students to procrastinate until they absolutely have to study. But some students make time to study a little every day so they won't have major cram sessions later.

"Cramming is impossible." ~Katie Ramsey, junior

"I go over what we did in class that day, the same night, to review," junior **Kathryn Ramsey** said. "Cramming is impossible."

Although working in groups is productive for some, most students like to study alone.

"I study better by myself," senior **Nastasha Cortez** said. "When I'm with a friend, I am distracted and want to go out."

No matter which way students prefered to study, one thing was for sure: they had to hit the books.

~Brianna Bieker

A HANDS-DOWN CHOICE

Students choose hands-on classes over the same old

"Open your books, turn to page 10, read, and then do your homework." That was heard in most classes, with the exception of a few. Those few could be categorized as hands-on classes.

"These classes give you a good change from the normal," senior **Daniel Riordan** said, "It's not just like a teacher who goes up and talks for an hour."

"These kinds of classes give you a good change from the normal," ~Daniel Riordan, senior

There were a variety of these types of classes that could be taken, including interior decorating, *Reflector*, Art, *Panther Press*, photography, and many more.

"I looked forward to going to interior decorating every day," sophomore **Nicole Gill** said. "It gave me a nice break from my normal classes."

Not only did the classes teach you responsibilities, but also helped with skills for the future.

"I like designing stuff," sophomore **Steffen Redar** said. "And I want to be a graphic designer, and the designing class extended my creativity."

Whether it was reading, writing, or painting, students were able to learn many varieties of things.

"Classes like these are much more interesting," Gill said, "and I learned a lot of important things for the future." *~Emily Gierman*



Candice Peters



Corey Hecht

TRACING **THE LETTERS,** senior **Ashley Wilson** finishes up the last few letters of the word government. The interior decorating class decorated **Jim Pickett's** classroom as a project. All the first semester interior decorating classes participated.



Ben Vania

HAMMERING **THE NAIL,** freshman **Patrick Broderick** secures the middle shelf. He was making a DVD holder in manufacturing products class. "The class was cool because we got to make things we will use," Broderick said.



SMOOTHING HIS CLAY SLAB, senior **Justin McDonald**, dabs a little bit more water over it while partner senior **Joshua York** carves a design into his plate in ceramics class. The plate was one of the first projects that students were given during the semester course.

Random FACTS on hands-on classes

**45 HANDS ON CLASSES available

**One new ART TEACHER, Amie Sherwood

**A new class, PHOTOGRAPHY was offered for the first time

**Eight different ART CLASSES were available



NIKKI CHESSER

CHECKING THE NEGATIVES, senior **Kenneth Darnell** looks over his roll of film for photography class. This was the first year the class was offered and was taught by Jim Graff, art.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? what is your favoite hands-on class, why?



"Art, I love to draw and paint so I get to use all my creativity throughout the whole hour."
~**Lisa Redar**, sophomore



"Communication Productions, It was a fun class and we were able to play a lot of fun games, like Street Rod."
~**Matthew Callender**, senior



"Art, I learn a lot. I like it better then a normal book class too, and I get to draw which is what I like to do."
~**Amanda Anderson**, freshman



"Web design, I wanted to take the class so I would have some good experience for college in that area."
~**Matthew Wesley**, junior



Ben Vania

ACCEPTING HER CROWN as Queen of Love and Beauty, freshman **Julie Sims** becomes part of the act at Medieval Times. This year Andrea McMullin took her students to the restaurant as part of the Don Quixote theme.

DOING A LITTLE DANCE. **Valencia Jackson**, worked with a member of the Ballet Forklorico while on a field trip with Spanish classes. The rendition of Ballet Forkorico de Mexico took place at the Hammond Career Center on March 23.



Ben Vania

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
What was your favorite field trip?



"The best field trip was going to a play in Elkhart for English even though we were an hour late because of the time difference."
~**Katie Abascal**, freshman



"I like the play *The Producers* because it was really hilarious and enjoyable."
~**Jonathon Rogowski**, junior



"I liked *Cinderella* because it was cool to see such superstars as Debbie Gibson and Eartha Kitt."
~**Andrew Raduski**, sophomore



"My favorite field trip was going to the 93rd Chicago Auto Show because I like looking at cars and it was an easy day."
~**Mark Amos**, senior

ACTING OUT sophomore **Kevin Kiel** works with an elementary student to teach about basic lessons. Margie Keithley took each period of her adult preparation classes to a different elementary school.

CHORALE



NAME: Steven Schulz **GRADE:** 12

STATUS

The 24 members of Chorale went to San Antonio, TX to take classes on how to improve their singing.

WHY DID YOU GO TO SAN ANTONIO?

"We went to workshops and concerts to watch other groups sing. We concentrated on how they performed and we got a variety of music to use in the future."



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Random FACTS
On Field Trips

Margie Keithley's advanced **SEWING class took two students on a Fashion Emergency.

Thom Howell's **BUSINESS LAW class went to the Lake County Court House.

Andrea McMullin took her **CHILD DEVELOPMENT 2 classes to a day care center.





TAKING A TRIP

Students Gain Knowledge from Out of School Experiences.

Whether traveling a long distance or just a few minutes away many students had the chance to experience a field trip. Those classes received the opportunity to gain knowledge from getting out of school and experiencing new surroundings.

According to sophomore **Jennifer Mears**, who attended an interior decorating field trip, going to senior Joshua Moon's house taught her a lot about the way to decorate a house.

"Being able to see how Josh Moon's house was decorated gave me a better understanding on how you can change a house into a home," Mears said. "We also learned different ways to decorate different rooms throughout a house."

"... gave me a better understanding on how you can change a house into a home." ~Jennifer Mears, sophomore

Students don't just learn on field trips, sometimes are asked to teach a lesson to others. Margie Keithley's adult preparation classes went to elementary schools to teach the students how to act toward smoking, respect, and some other problems the children may face in the future.

"We did a skit on shoplifting because at their age it's normal to steal," senior **Daniela Scheeringa** said. "We wanted to teach them while they were young."

Teachers taught students in many ways and some chose to teach them through changing their surroundings and seeing lessons first hand.

~Brandi Harveth



Mary Turkowski

RISING HIGH, senior's Daniel Schoon, Rachel Sferruzza, and David Holdi take some time for themselves on the escalator at Navy Pier. Theresa Swetky's British Literature classes saw *Romeo and Juliet* at the Shakespearean Theater in Chicago on April 16.

TAKING A BREAK junior Christopher Jackson and sophomore Teri Calhoun chat about the play they just saw. "The Shakespeare Theater was my favorite place," Calhoun said. "It's neat because it is small and designed off the Globe Theater."

Victor Sandoval

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

How have you been recognized for your work?



"I got an Academic Achievement Award for keeping my GPA above 3.85. I worked hard and my goal was to do my best."
~**Shannon Thiel**, sophomore



"Two of my art projects got hung up in the office. It's nice to have my hard work shown and having other people compliment me for my talent."
~**Matthew Mendenhall**, junior



"I was relieved and excited to get the James W. and Betty Dye Scholarship. I worked so hard writing my essay so it would sound good."
~**Jennifer Laffoon**, senior



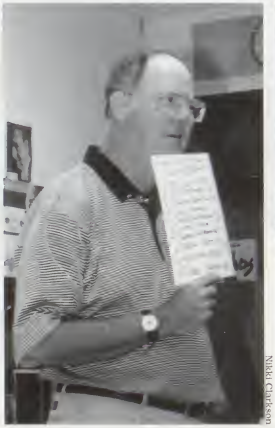
"I received Student of the Month three times and I am in the Top Ten of my class so far this year."
~**Brittany Clark**, freshman

SENIOR TOP TEN: Front Row: Shauna Santare, Kathleen Vanek. **Middle Row:** Tom Zeller. **Back Row:** Justin Grimmer, Paul Dolach (valedictorian), Phillip Castle, Timothy Thiron, Gregory Bowers (salutatorian), Sarah Blanchard, Kate Higginbotham



Matt Flitter

CONGRATULATING STUDENTS. **Robert Hastings,** history, presents the "Top 10 List" from a past history test. After every test Hastings made a continuing list of the top scorers and hung it in his classroom.



Nikki Clarkson



Megan Matusik

AFTER PROCEEDING HIS DIPLOMA. senior Matt Flitter prepares to shake the hand of a senior sponsor. "I was proud to receive my Honors Diploma for excellence in academics," Flitter said. "It showed the hard work I put in these four years."



Matt Flitter

TAKING A GOOD LOOK. senior **Shannon Hammers** talks with fellow members of Chorale senior **Paul Dolach, Sarah Blanchard** and **Elizabeth Guzman**. All members of Chorale received awards as well as sang a song to entertain the guests at Recognition Night.





GIVING A SPEECH, senior **Shauna Santare** states what **Michelle Jones** has done for her during her high school years at the Top Ten dinner. The members of the top ten got to bring their most influential teacher or coach to the dinner.

RECEIVING AN AWARD, senior **Amber Price** walks on stage with Jim Graff, art. Recognition Night was held on May 23 and recognized students for achievement as well as scholarships.



Corey Hecht

Random FACTS on Recognition Night

12 Number of people who received department awards.

6 Number of different categories of special activities awards

4 "Hall of Fame" Awards were given out for Academics, Activities, Athletics, and Arts.

WHAT NICE WORK

Students get recognized every month

Imagine our very own principal recognizing a particular student for his exceptional work in a class. Well that image became a reality and each month every department got the opportunity to pick a "stand out" student.

According to principal **Linda Einsele**, each depart-ment gives one award for a particular student and he receives a free pass to the movies.

"I felt that we needed more students to be recognized on more of a regular basis," Einsele said.

According to sophomore **Ashley Enloe**, who won student of the month for family and consumer sciences, she liked being recognized and felt special.

"I felt extremely privileged," Enloe said. "I love sewing and Mrs. [Margie] Keithley. I was happy that she liked my work."

"I love sewing and Mrs. [Margie] Keithley. I was happy she liked my work."
~Ashley Enloe, sophomore

The winners aren't just picked for their academic achievement, according to Einsele.

"I didn't want them chosen strictly on their grades," Einsele said. "I wanted to acknowledge students on good citizenship, recent, or overall achievement."

Whether those students enjoyed the award or just the free movie, many students benefited from this program.

~Brandi Harveth



Corey Hecht

CLEANING UP the sticks left behind by the French students at their Mardi Gras party, senior **Sara Palmer** puts things away. Palmer has been Teri Swethy's aide for the year.



Mary Turkowski

OFFICE AIDES



NAME: Nicole Steinbach
GRADE: 11

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE AN OFFICE AIDE?

"There weren't a lot of other places open, so out of those I thought being an office aide was the best."

WHAT IS YOUR JOB?

"I run errands, deliver passes to the students, answer the phone and all the other things that need to be done."



Mary Turkowski

RIPPING OUT a picture from a magazine for the picture files, senior **Jonathan Powell**, library aide, said he loves to help out. "I like to make people smile and be happy," Powell said. "I make that part of my duties of being an aide."

TEACHERS' LITTLE HELPERS

Student aides discuss their jobs

Although she is setting up microscopes for a biology lab, senior **Sarah Fry** won't be participating. She is just doing one of her many jobs as a biology teacher's aide.

"I usually set up and clean up labs, type papers for the teacher, and punch and staple them when I'm done," Fry said.

Upstairs senior **Juliann Gajewski** is an aide for **Darryl Carstensen**, math department.

"During my aide hour I grade papers, enter grades into the computer, and sometimes I have enough time to do some of my own homework," Gajewski said.

Not every student is an aide for a teacher though. Senior **Chris Rouseau's** jobs as Mark Perko's aide, print shop, are different from what a teacher's aide does.

"I help Mr. Perko print papers, run errands, and every sometimes I have to get a dolly of paper," Rouseau said.

Sophomore **Jamie Darnell** spends her aide hour in the library.

"Some of my jobs are to check out books and sign them back in, take overdue book slips to teachers, run some other errands, and help people find books," Darnell said.

"Being an aide gives you a break from normal classes."
~Jamie Darnell, sophomore

But what do the students get out of being an aide?

"Being an aide gives you a break from normal classes," Darnell said. "It helped me understand what teachers and what other school employees do."

~Christen Nash & Stephanie Staples



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Who would you like to be an aide for?



"Mrs. [Charlotte] Fedorchak. She was very nice to me and I really liked her as a teacher and as a friend."
~**Robert Lafayette**, freshman



"Coach [Russ] Radtke because we get along and I already know how to set most of the football stuff up."
~**Jessica Newell**, junior



"I'd be Ms. [Luanne] Morgan's aide because she's a fun loving teacher who would be an easy person to be an aide for."
~**Paul Lewis**, sophomore



"I'm already Mr. [Robert] Hastings aide because he asked me to be. I like it because it's not the same as having a real class and I get to move around alot."
~**Elezabeth Dash**, senior



Mary Turkowski

DISCUSSING MATTERS over with **Brian Jennings**, English, senior **Michael Tomaszewski** listens to instructions. "I like being Mr. Jennings's aide because it's a break from classes and it's like a study hall we don't have," Tomaszewski said.

TYPING NAMES of the sick into the computer, senior **Jessica Thompson** lets the nurse know who has come in ill that day. "If the nurse isn't there, I usually allow the student to lie down or if they're injured, I try to help the best I can."

The FACTS On Student Aides

60 Teacher Aides

NUMBER of student aides at GHS out of 109

14 Attendance Aides

8 Office Aides

6 Library Aides

6 Nurse's Aides



Victor Sendejas



Mary Turkowski

GRADING PAPERS for teacher Kay Orzechowicz, senior **Shannon Hammers** checks over the handed in assignments. "I liked Mrs. 'O' as a teacher and so I was happy she asked me to be her aide," Hammers said.

SITTING IN the hot seat, freshman **Stephen Helfen** waits for freshman **Lauren Convery** to put up his question. The freshman A.P. English class was reviewing for a test by playing "Who Wants to be a Millionare" hosted by **Carolyn Brown**, English, as Regis.

RAISING HER hand, sophomore **Kendell Johnstone** waits in Mr. Hanko's Algebra 2 class to be called on for the answer. "I don't usually volunteer to answer questions because I'd feel dumb if I got it wrong," Johnstone said.



Ben Vauna



Nikki Clarkson



Nikki Clarkson

FOLLOWING ALONG with her lab, senior **Nikki Geffert** records her results. "Labs are my favorite part of Biology 3-4," Geffert said. "They're fun because you get to interact instead of just taking notes and listening to lectures."

ONE STEP AHEAD

Students take advanced classes

Some students are ahead of their time. They take classes a year before the average person of their grade. But why would they want to be a year ahead?

"It helps you get better prepared for college," senior **Timothy Thirion** said. "It also helps your grade point average."

Some students take a different approach to being a year ahead.

"I'm up for a challenge," junior **Christopher Jackson** said. "Taking classes early helps to advance my learning experiences."

Sophomore **Alexandra Solis** agrees with Jackson about advancing their learning experiences.

"I like taking those classes because I feel like I'm challenging myself instead of taking the easy way out," Solis said.

"I feel like I'm challenging myself instead of taking the easy way out." ~Alexandra Solis, sophomore

There are also disadvantages to being in challenging classes. Fresman **Carly Salczynski** says her parents expect her to get better grades.

"With me being in advanced classes, my parents expect more of me," Salczynski said.

Jackson added that teachers expect more from the students too.

"The teachers encourage us to go above and beyond since they know we are capable and hardworking students," Jackson said.

"But in the long run, I know it will have been worth the extra work in high school," Solis said. *~Christen Nash*



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What is your favorite advanced class?



"A.P. English is fun because we get to discuss things as a class instead of just listening to the teacher lecture all the time."
~Jennifer Sims, senior



"Geometry is my favorite advanced class because it's hard and is a challenge for me to get good grades."
~Abigail Hinchy, freshman



"I like being able to have discussions about the news and current issues so current events is my favorite challenging class."
~Michael McCarney, junior



"I like chemistry the best because it's cool how we learn the formulas first and we're able to apply them in a lab."
~Justen Ricketts, sophomore



"A.P. Biology is my favorite because all of the labs make it interesting and I'm going to major in it."
~Kathleen Vanek, senior

ADAM RYZAK

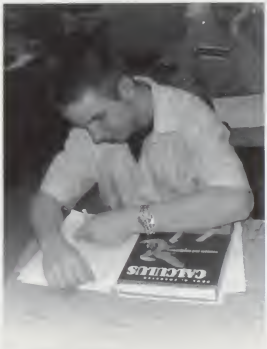


GRADE: 10th

STATUS: He is two years ahead in his math class.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE SO FAR AHEAD IN MATH?
"Because I had the opportunity to take classes during the summer so I decided I shouldn't pass it up."

WAS ALGEBRA II HARDER THAN PRE-CALCULUS?
"Algebra II was harder for me because I had to learn it all in three weeks."



Victor Sendejas

CONCENTRATING **HARD,** junior **Stefan Pahl** works on his calculus homework. Most juniors are only in Algebra II, however Pahl is two levels higher than his classmates because of his schooling in Germany.



Nikki Clarkson

STANDING **AT** the front of her class junior **Brittany Parent** waits to give her presentation on a genetic disease. The A.P. Biology classes picked the disease of their choice to do a speech and a report on.



Setting up at the line of scrimmage, the varsity football team prepares to run a play against the Highland defense. The football team lost the sectional championship by three points.

mixing sports up the competition

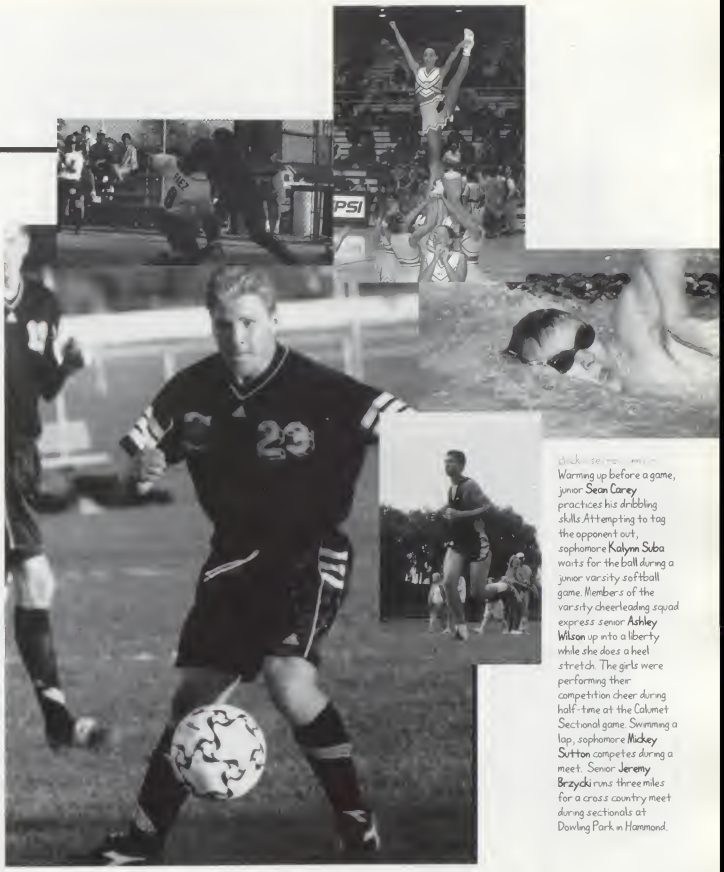
Some things stay the same from year to year, but one thing that always changes is sports. One year the wrestling team may lose in the beginning of sectionals and the next year they can go all the way to semi-state. That isn't just an example, it really happened this year, as well as many new and interesting events that kept **mixing** up through the course of the year. A new "Panther Pit" was formed for the student cheering section at football games. Some crazy fans dressed all in black and gold or even painted their faces **up** to show their school spirit. The cheering was an encouragement, but it couldn't help the team with their big upset against Hammond High for **the** Sectional Championship. Despite some upsets, there were still may positive things in some sports. Junior Teanna Sutton went on to compete at state in girls swimming for the second year in the row, while varsity baseball recieved a state-runner up trophy. In the same spirit girls cross-country went to regionals for the first time in five years. No matter what the outcomes of many seasons for different sports were one thing always stayed the same; the **competition** stayed strong.

---by candice peters





left: Shooting a lay-up sophomore Cliff Wilson scores two points while junior Adam Lukas backs him up.
Below: Senior Kenny Bellamy takes control of a Clark wrestler during senior night. Bellamy was one wrestle away from setting a school record for career wins.



Warming up before a game, junior **Sean Carey** practices his dribbling skills. Attempting to tag the opponent out, sophomore **Kalynn Suba** waits for the ball during a junior varsity softball game. Members of the varsity cheerleading squad express senior **Ashley Wilson** up into a liberty while she does a heel stretch. The girls were performing their competition cheer during half-time at the Calumet Sectional game. Swimming a lap, sophomore **Mickey Sutton** competes during a meet. Senior **Jeremy Brzycki** runs three miles for a cross country meet during sectionals at Dowling Park in Hammond.

Concentration

Rounding the flag, senior **Angelina Alvarez** runs quickly to the finish line. This year the team placed fourth in the sectional meet and qualified for regionals.

Precaution

Unraveling the tape off of her ankle, freshman **Belinda Sendejas** relaxes after a meet. Sendejas was one of the five members that were injured at one time during the season.



Matt Fliter



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Junior

Tiffany Juarez

"As captain I tried to help everyone out, keep up their spirits, and get them to realize their potential."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Angelina Alvarez

Best Mental Attitude:
Tiffany Juarez

Most Improved:
Season Swaim

2nd team All Conference:
Angelina Alvarez



Angelina Alvarez

Sports: **Cross Country and Volleyball**

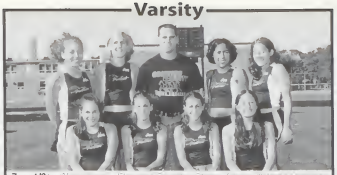
Why did you choose to play volleyball and run cross country?

"Because I wanted to run and I didn't want to quit volleyball."

How did you feel when you made second team all conference?

"I felt great because I achieved so much and I got my best time of the season."





Varsity

Front Row: [illegible]

Second Row: [illegible]

Preparation

Stretching out before a meet, sophomores **Stracey Caron** and **Shannon Scheidel** partner up to prevent injuries, while sophomore **Valerie Saltanovitz** looks on. Scheidel said, "After crossing the finish line you feel exhausted, but you feel very complete."

Scoreboard

Opponent	Place
Merrillville, Andrean	3rd
Lowell	5th
Gavit Invite	1st
Calumet	1st
Morton, Clark	2nd
Highland	2nd
Munster, Gavit	2nd
Lowell Invite	5th
East Chicago	2nd
Highland Invite	4th
Clark Invite	4th
LAC Meet	6th
Sectional	4th
Regional	9th



Matt Filter

Going for it All

Collected By: Christen Nash

Runners Strive for Excellence



Matt Filter

Determination

Sprinting through a straight away, sophomore **Valerie Saltanavitz** gives it her all. "Cross country required a lot of hard work," Saltanovitz said, "but it was fun because you stay in shape and you get to run with your friends."

Why do you run cross country?

Senior



Kellie Sternberg

"Because I ran it last year and I like being with all of my teammates because we have so much fun together."

Sophomore



Vicki Juarez

"Because my sister encouraged me to join and it's an easy and fun way to stay in shape."

"Being the only senior the beginning of the season was hard. I didn't know anyone except the returning lettermen. After the season got going I got to know the freshmen and I liked it better."

Jeremy Brzycki

Senior



Matt Fliter



Matt Fliter

Leadership

Leaping over a creek, sophomore **Tom Cservenak** prepares to pass his opponent. Cservenak was a co-captain along with junior **Neil Dimos** this year. "Every day I would push the team to the limits of their abilities, because I wanted them to be the best they could," Cservenak said.

New Boundries

Pushing to the end, freshman **Bradley Beigle** runs past the crowd. Beigle was one of the four first time runners on the team this year. "I ran almost every day this summer for a half a hour each time," Beigle said. "I figured why not join x-country and run with other people."



Matt Fliter



Matt Fliter

How Did the Coaching Change Affect You?

Freshman

Bradley Beigle



"I didn't really know Mr Powers because I only had him for a week. I liked Mr Schilling and the practices were fun."

Freshman

Noah Zemke



"I thought that the change was good, but it really didn't affect us because they are both good coaches and a good job."

Sophomore

Timothy Swanson



"It was weird because I wasn't used to having Mr Schilling as a coach. I had him as a teacher so it was different."

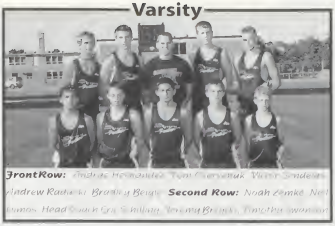
Junior

Neil Dimos



"We all felt lost at the beginning of the season. I wasn't sure if I liked the change at first, but it was better towards the end."





Varsity

Front Row: Andrae Hernandez, Tom Cservenak, Victor Sanders, Andrew Radiuski, Bradley Beagle. **Second Row:** Noah Zemke, Nate Barnes, Head Coach Eric Schilling, Jeremy Brinks, Timothy Swanson



Matt Flitter

Tradition

Coming around the turn, freshman **Andrae Hernandez** looks back to see his competition. Hernandez was the only member of the team to advance to regionals. "I started running because my parents wanted me to and I also wanted to follow in my brother's footsteps," Hernandez said.

Persistent

Giving it his all, sophmore **Andrew Radiuski** runs to the finish. This was Radiuski's first year on the cross-country team. "I didn't join x-country because I like to run, but after I joined I really started to enjoy it," Radiuski said.

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Gavit	1st
Calumet	1st
Morton, Clark	1st
Highland	2nd
Munster, Gavit	2nd
Lowell Invite	6th
East Chicago, Bishop Noll	2nd
Highland Invite	6th
Clark Invite	4th
Conference	6th
Sectionals	6th



Matt Flitter

Patience

Waiting patiently, sophomore **Timothy Swanson** watches as Head Coach **Eric Schilling** writes down the scores. Schilling took over the team after former Coach Tim Powers left in the beginning of August.

Running in Pain

Compiled By: Julie Rutledge

Injuries piled up for the Panthers

"This year was a lot of fun for me but really upsetting. I was able to practice on my hitting and all other positions. In every game I always tried my hardest to get to every ball, and I wasn't afraid to hit the floor when I went for the balls."

Erica Garnett

Senior



Pumping Up

Huddling up before the start of every game, the varsity team gets together and pumps each other up. "Everyone got motivated before our games and our huddle pumped us all up. Our captains gave us a pre-game talk and told us what we needed to do to beat the other team," senior **Sarah Fry** said.



Corey Hecht



Matt Fliter

Spike It Up

Compiled By Kristen Buehler

Panthers give it their all

Varsity



Front Row: Kristi Hoese, Elizabeth Rotesta, Angelina Alvarez, Selena Bermudez, Erica Garnett, Veronica Solis, Angelina Hanson, Laura Pinkerton. ***Second Row:*** Coach Karen Pinkerton, Sarah Fry, Coach Don Whittemore, Andrea Melendez (captain), Coach Betsy Blessing. ***Third Row:*** Selena Saldana, Breanna Steagall (captain), Kathleen Vanek (captain). ***Fourth Row:*** Julie Rutledge (captain).

Junior Varsity



FrontRow: Stephanie Pinkerton, Nicole Zakrzewski, Stephanie Kolesz, Carollyne Joseph. ***Second Row:*** Nicole Schamber, Angelina Hanson, Sofia Aguilar, Tiana Blythe, Crystal Bermudez. ***Third Row:*** Coach Michelle Cuniff, Emily Gilmer, Lauren Wilbert, Cristina Valtierra, Coach Karen Pinkerton.




Matt Fliter

Anticipation

Taking a breather, senior **Kathleen Vanek** awaits the serve. "This was my third year playing on varsity, and I was glad to be a captain my senior year. I tried to have everyone work as hard as they could all the time so the team could improve their skills," Vanek said.

Concentration

Bringing the ball under control, senior **Angelina Alvarez** passes it off as teammate **Andrea Melendez** looks on. "Before every game, during warm-ups, Andrea would set a bomb and everyone would sprawl out like they exploded with it," Alvaraz said.

What Did Being on Varsity Mean To You?

Freshman

Laura Pinkerton



"It was really good. I made a lot of friends. It was a great experience. Being on varsity and playing games in front of the crowds was really exciting. I got better because on the team so much and I like the new practices on varsity."

Sophomore

Angelina Hanson



"It meant a lot of hard work and a lot of time and effort. Making the varsity team was one of my goals that I reached, and I was very honored."

Junior

Elizabeth Potesta



"It is a big privilege and an honor to have all the little girls look up to you, and just to be part of the team."

Senior

Veronica Solis



"To me being on the varsity team meant a lot of hard work. It also meant being reunited and playing with people from our freshman team."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Kathleen Vanek

Best Mental Attitude:
Elizabeth Potesta

Most Improved:
Selena Bermudez

1st team All Conference:
Erica Garnett

2nd team All Conference:
Kathleen Vanek

Honorable Mention:
Selena Bermudez

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
7,9	Merrillville	15,15
15,17	E.C. Central	10,15
15,15	River Forest	13,8
7,8	Highland	15,15
15,15	Lake Station	11,13
10,4	Andrean	15,15
13,5	Hebron	15,15
15,15	Calumet	8,10
15,5,14	North Newton	11,15,16
15,9,15	Hanover Central	12,15,7
7,13	Lowell	15,15
9,15,15	Hobart	15,8,3
10,8	Morton	15,15
11,6	Munster	15,15
15,15	Clark	9,4
7,6	Lake Central	15,15
12,12	Bishop Noll	15,15
13,4	Gavit	15,15
8,10	Valparaiso	15,15
10,8	Crown Point	15,15
15,15	Hammond High	3,2
15,6,9	Whiting	13,15,15
15,9,7	Gary West Side	6,15,15
3,9	Portage	15,15
	Sectionals	
15,12,11	Gavit	10,15,15


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Heartache

Overwhelmed with emotion after their sectional loss senior **Andrea Melendez** starts to cry. "I started crying as soon as the game was over because I knew that my last season was all over. Our expectations were so high and we didn't get where we wanted to go," Melendez said.

Going with the Flow

Compiled By: Julie Rutledge

Panthers mix it up on the field

How Hard Was It To Adjust To A New Position?

Freshman

Jacquelyn Kobeszka



"I liked playing forward better than defense because I got the ball more and I got to shoot the ball more and score more goals."

Sophomore

Kristen Buehler



"Having to play defense took adjusting and I had to learn how to play on the other side of the ball and take the beatings instead of giving them."

Junior

Allison Banta



"It makes the game more interesting because you get a better perspective when you're in different positions."

Senior

Lisa Carroll



"I liked the switch because I get to play more of the game and I didn't get subbed for as much as when I was offense."



Competitive

Taking a shot, senior **Crystal Wilcox** scores a goal. Wilcox was shooting a penalty kick during the Morton in the regular season. The Panthers beat the Governors 6-0. "I like the thought of competing against people and I thought soccer was one of the best ways to keep in shape," Wilcox said.



Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Michelle Gaddini

Best Mental Attitude:
Allison Banta
Jennifer Sims

Most Improved:
Kelly Davis

1st team All Conference:
Michelle Gaddini
Allison Banta
Kelly Davis

2nd team All Conference:
Kristen Buehler
Lisa Carroll



Speed

Bringing the ball up the field, senior **Michelle Gaddini** pushes past her oppponent. Gaddini was a four year varsity player along with her twin sister **Melissa Gaddini**. They both played midfield and both run track in the springtime.

Fearless

Making use of all her body parts, senior **Jennifer Hernandez** prepares to headbutt the ball away from her opponent. Hernandez transferred to Griffith from Bishop Noll at the end of her junior year and played forward for the Panthers.





Determination

Battling with her opponent, junior **Brittany Parent** keeps control. This was Parent's first year on varsity and as a starter. "We had a rough start, but on over all good season," Parent said.

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
2	Highland	3
2	Chesterton	6
6	Michigan City	2
11	Lowell	0
1	Valparaiso	4
0	Andrean	3
2	Merrillville	5
5	Morton	0
1	Crown Point	2
0	Lake Central	8
3	Concord	2
6	Munster	2
4	Laporte	0
4	Boone Grove	0
5	Bishop Noll	1
4	Hobart	0
	Sectionals:	
1	Lake Central	4



Varsity



Front Row: Jacqueline Grabowski, Allison Bemis, Kelly Davis, Heather Schmidt, Crystal Wilcox **Second Row:** Melissa Gaddini, Holly Williams, Jessica Gajewski, Michelle Gaddini, Danielle Sears, Christina Nash, Kirsten Buehler **Third Row:** Coach Raul Dominguez, Trainer Tara Krupka, Coach Ric Gonzalez, Lisa Gerrish, Brittany Parent, Ana Thomas (Mgr.), Coach Angie Taylor, Coach Dawn Wilcox

Junior Varsity



Front Row: Jennifer Hancock, Kelly Kearns, Jennifer Perez, Rhonda Sanders, Michelle Mann **Second Row:** Jessica Sherrill, Sarah Planer, Amanda Lauricella, Linda Guerra **Third Row:** Coach Mindy Tolley, Coach Richard Gonzalez, Nicki Lenesky (mgr.), Melissa Johnson, Paula Hobbs, Chrishna Sellers, Coach Raul Dominguez, Trainer Jessica Yonish, Trainer Tara Krupka



Senior

Juliann Gajewski

"Being captain with Michelle (Gaddini) was a really fun experience. On top of leading the team, we are also really good friends. It was an honor being captian with her because she is my inspiration on the soccer field."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Players:
Victor Sendejas
Justin Sidor

Best Mental Attitude:
Gregory Bowers

Most Improved:
Omar Gonzalez

1st team All Conference:
Victor Sendejas
Justin Sidor

All Conference Honorable Mention:
Eric Koon

All Area Honorable Mention:
Justin Sidor

All District Honorable Mention:
Victor Sendejas



Corey Hecht

Dedication

Huddling up before the game, the varsity soccer team gets pumped before they begin. This year the team was senior dominated with ten seniors. The were led by three senior captains, **Justin Sidor**, **Victor Sendejas**, and **Nicholas Planer**



Corey Hecht

Fighting to the End

Compiled By Brandi Haworth Senior leadership pulls team to play together

Varsity



Front Row: [illegible] ***Second Row:*** [illegible] ***Third Row:*** [illegible]

Junior Varsity



FrontRow: [illegible] ***Second Row:*** [illegible] ***Third Row:*** [illegible]

Concentration

Preparing for a shot, senior **Justin Sidor** concentrates on the goal. This year, the team attended a tournament at the University of Wisconsin- Parkside. "The tournament was good because we got to play teams we haven't played before," Sidor said. "We earned respect from a lot of players there by competing against some of the best teams in the state of Wisconsin."



Corey Hecht

Hard Work

Capturing the ball, senior **Omar Gonzalez** sacrifices his defender junior **Sean Carey** to block the shot during Sectionals. "Losing that game was the saddest loss because it was my senior year," Gonzalez said. "It's hard to lose a game like that in the last two and a half minutes when we worked so hard to get to that point."

What will you miss the most?

Gregory Bowers — Senior



"I'll miss playing with all the guys the most, especially since this is the last time we'll ever get to play together."

Carlo Gurrola — Sophomore



"I am really going to miss messing around at practices every day. Also I'll miss hanging out with my boys and having some fun."

Joshua Moon — Senior



"I am going to miss making fun of coach but most of all, I'm going to miss laughing at all of (Gregory) Bowers stupid comments."

Matthew Denny — Freshman



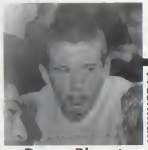
"I'll miss all the older guys beating me up during practice. It made me feel like I was really part of the team."

Perfection

Dribbling, senior **Victor Sendejas** moves the ball down the field. "I have been playing soccer since I was five. It has become my passion," Sendejas said. "My biggest accomplishment was my ten yellow cards that I received this year."



Corey Hecht



Freshman

Danny Blount

"I feel honored for being able to play varsity as a freshman. I like playing with the more experienced players, and I liked that it was more challenging."

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
1	Highland	3
1	Chesterton	6
9	Lowell	0
5	Hobart	2
2	Shoreland	0
2	Bradford	0
0	St. Catherines	1
1	Burrlington	0
2	Morton	1
2	Munster	3
1	Bishop Noll	2
0	Portage	1
1	Clark	0
0	Lake Central	3
3	Gavit	0
0	Andrean	1
0	Hammond High	0
0	Valparaiso	3
	Sectionals	
1	Merrillville	3

"This year was a good experience because it was my first time playing singles. I am a little disappointed though because I felt I could have done better."

Michael Hernandez

Junior





Victor Sendejas



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Improvement

Getting in position senior Phillip Cadle sets his feet and returns the ball. "In my sectional I thought I did well," Cadle said. "It was definately an improvement from last year."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:

Phillip Cadle

Best Mental Attitude:

Tracey Mullins

Most Improved:

Tucker Thorn

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
0	Lowell	5
3	Hobart	2
0	Andrean	5
0	Lake Central	5
4	Clark	1
4	Bishop Noll	0
1	Morton	4
1	Lake Station	4
1	River Forest	4
0	Munster	5
2	Portage	3
2	Calumet	3
0	Highland	5
2	LAC Tourney	3
5	LAC Tourney	0
1	LAC Tourney	4



Victor Sendejas

What's that racket?

Compiled By: Roy LaBarge

Panthers fall short of sectional title





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Senior Leadership

Senior **Paul Dalach** hits a forehand in his sectional match at Crown Point. The Panthers lost 2-3 to Crown Point and finished second in their sectional.

Working Hard

During a doubles match, sophomore **Adam Ryzak** pounds a backhand down the line. "The best moment was when my doubles partner [Patrick McCarney] and I beat Calumet in the LAC tourney," Ryzak said. "It was the only blowout win for us."

Getting Started

Going for a volley, sophomore **Patrick McCarney** attempts to return the ball. In McCarney's first year he went 4 and 12 while playing doubles.



The Reason I Started Playing

Jacob Malone — Junior



"It's fun and it's good exercise. Also, I wanted to join last year but showed up late in the season."

Matthew Harnew — Junior



"I wasn't in anything in the summer so I figured that tennis would be just fine to do.

Joseph Tharp — Junior



"Mike [Hernandez] got me started and then I began to enjoy the game.

Varsity



Front Row: Mike Serventes, Matthew Harnew, Patrick McCarney, Adam Ryzak, Michael Hernandez. **Second Row:** Paul Dalach, Jacob Malone, Coach Joe Wirth, Joseph Tharp, Phillip Cahill.

Varsity

Scoreboard		
Us	Opponent	Them
42	Elkhart Central	7
26	Hobart	7
36	Andrean	22
42	Broad Ripple	26
29	Munster	7
36	Lowell	39
39	E.C.Central	32
49	Highland	6
	Sectionals:	
49	Morton	21
34	Munster	10
27	Hammond High	30



Front Row: Asher Rodriguez, Jamie Hand, Eric Schreiber, Kevin Thompson, Ryan Blythe, Ryan Jones, Kelly Lloyd, Matthew Kuzak, Justin Hudson, Casey Kirby. **Second Row:** Ramon Santos, Meghan Thompson (mgr), Tara Vicencio (mgr), Melanie Hemmingsen (mgr), coach Jon Roberts, coach Jon Pickett, Coach Terry Tarar, coach Ken Radtke, coach Dan Mills, coach Frank Vallo, coach Chris Schreiber, trainer Val Wells, trainer Julie Kuzma, Jessica Newell (mgr), Carmen Mitchell. **Third Row:** Sandra Gross, Marissa Choate, Mario Ruff, Jason Schultz, Steven Alexander, Matthew Gonzalez, Kyle Davis, Nathan Lewis, Jeff Tanner Spiegel, Dave Tschantz, Aaron Grammer, Michael Williams, Mike Lee, Brandon Allen, Christopher Alexander. **Fourth Row:** Vinnie Kirkland, Tommy Cunningham, Sam Hagerty, Jeremy Grove, Robert Hanchar, Kevin Hagy, Mark Kmiecik, Matthew Allen, Rasheed Bradley, Mark Lane, Douglas Mann, Michael Hamilton, Mark Lewis, Tony Rizzo. **Fifth Row:** John Vidal, Joshua Robinson, Tyler Rathke, Brandon Powell, William Schmitt, Ryan Kleinrath, William Ramaga, Christopher Rybicek, Matthew Lewis, Matthew Lewis, Jason Wilson, Greg Zambrowski.



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Defense

Receiving some knowledge, senior **Anthony Potesta** listens and watches as Coach **Eric Schreiber** places a play on the board. Schreiber's main job in coaching was to work with the defensive backs. The Panthers out-scored their opponents 453 points to 250 points during the season.



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Falling Hard

Attacking, sophomore **Sonnie Kireta** and junior **Ryan Blythe** bring down the ballcarrier as he runs the ball back on kickoff. Blythe was on the kick-off team, punt return team, punt team and played defensive back on defense.



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Determination

Receiving the handoff, junior **Matthew Gonzalez** runs the ball past the defenders with blocking help from senior **Michael Pettigrew** who also played halfback. The team broke 21 school records this season.

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Tyler Kadtke

Best Mental Attitude:
Justin Grimmer

Most Improved:
David Martin III

1st Team All Conference:
Justin Grimmer-G
Mark Amos-TE
Michael Pettigrew-HB
Tyler Kadtke-QB
Scott Negrete-G
Craig Koverda-DE
Brandon Powell-DB
Jason Alexander-DB
Matthew Lira-P

All-Conference Honorable Mention:
Mario Ruff-QB
Bret Rochelli-DE
Kevin Cap-DB
Christopher Spiegel-DB
Christopher Peacock-TE

"It was nice getting a lot of press during the season, but I started playing football when I was 12 because I wanted to be like my uncle Tyrone not because of the publicity."

Michael Pettigrew



Senior

Drive

Breaking away, senior **Matthew Lira** takes the ball up the middle. Lira played fullback and punted for the Panthers. "Being that it was my first year playing high school football, I struggled with some things at the beginning," Lira said. "With good coaching and my own knowledge I was able to develop my rushing skills and became 1st Team All Conference punter."

What Was Going Through Your Head During The Last Seconds?

Sophomore

David Martin III



"I couldn't believe that it was over already. We worked so hard during practice and it just ended way too fast."

Junior

Brandon Powell



"I felt shocked. I couldn't believe it was over after all the practice throughout the summer. I didn't know how to react."

Senior

Justin Grimmer



After we lost the game, I was extremely disappointed in myself and the team. I sat in my room and reminisced about my high school career."

Over Too Soon

Compiled By: Julie Rutledge

Season cut short in the last seconds

Mulitple Talents

Switching it up, senior **Mark Amos** changes his shoe after the touchdown. Amos kicked all of the extra points, kickoffs, and also played tight end during the season. He had to put on his kicking shoe about six times a game. His average kickoff was 41.3 yards.



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"I go to football, basketball and softball games to support all of my friends and to show them that I am there for them."

Brett Bierman

Senior





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Love and Support

Taking a drink of water, sophomore **Shannon Schiedel** stands next to her dad during a cross country meet. Schiedel's dad went to almost every meet to watch her run. "When I am running and I hear my dad shouting my name, it encourages me to run harder," Schiedel said.



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What is your favorite sport to support?

Freshman

Katie Abascal



"I like to go and show my support for the basketball teams because it's also my favorite sport to play."

Sophomore

Ashley Crook



"I like to watch football because it's the most exciting, and there are always a lot of people there cheering and showing their support."

Senior

Brandi Harveth



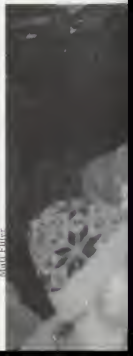
"Soccer, because it's a high energy sport and I love watching and cheering for my boyfriend, Justin [Sidor]."

Paying Attention

Watching a boys sectional basketball game at Calumet High School, seniors **Kevin Cap**, **Victor Sendejas**, **Michael Tomaszewski**, **Mark Govert**, and **Omar Gonzalez** show their support. Some of the senior boys chose to wear wife beaters to show school spirit at both the girls and boys sectional games.



Nicki Clarkson



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Warming Up

Getting ready to bat, senior **Jack Johnson** stands on deck during the baseball game against Andrean. The Griffith fans made signs supporting senior Tom Zeller's pitching. For every strike out he made they would put a "K" on the fence.

Concentration

Sitting on the bleachers, members of the JV baseball team watch the varsity team finish their game. Most of the JV baseball team would stay and watch the other games to show support and team unity.



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Fan-atics

Compiled By Teri Calhoun

Fans pump up the players

Fast Facts

~99 students bought Panther Passes

~67% of students prefer to watch guys sports over girls sports

~59% of student's families come to watch them play sports

~48% of students prefer to go to football games than any other sport

~22% of students said they would dress up as the Panther mascot

survey of 75 students, Athletic Office



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Bundling Up

Trying to stay warm, juniors **Hillary** and **Mallory Bernath** sit and watch a football game. From all the ticket sales football brought in the most money by a large margin.

Enthusiasm

Making their way to the stands, juniors **Brittany Parent** and **Holly Williams** dress in black and gold to show school spirit. "I like to go to the football games to support my friends that play," Parent said. "Also, I go to see and talk to people I don't usually talk to at school."

"Wrestling four years has been physically and mentally draining, but it has also taught me to focus on a goal and achieve it. I'm glad that I stuck with it because even though it was hard work, the reward of winning makes it worth it."

Kenny Bellamy

Senior



Preparation

Mentally preparing, senior **Mario Ruff** gets last minute encouragement from Coach **Travis Walls**. Ruff was a four-year letterman and a captain his senior year. The team won regionals for the first time since 1991.



Dick Blythe

Champion

Gaining control, freshman **Alexander Tsirtsis** fights his opponent from E.C. Central. Tsirtsis was the first wrestling state champion in school history. He led the team this year in wins, team points, 3 and 2 point nearfalls, first takedowns and falls.

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Alexander Tsirtsis

Best Mental Attitude:
Kenny Bellamy

Most Improved:
David Sexton

1st Team All Conference:
Alex Tsirtsis-119lbs
Andrade Hernandez-125lbs
Mark Govert-135lbs
David Martin III-160lbs

2nd Team All Conference:
Jose Escobedo-103lbs
Kenny Bellamy-140lbs

Honorable Mention:
David Sexton-130lbs
Derrick Duffy-171lbs

Sectional Champs
Jose Escobedo-103lbs, Justin Lynn-112lbs, Alex Tsirtsis-119lbs, Andrade Hernandez-125lbs, David Sexton-130lbs, Kenny Bellamy-140lbs, David Martin III-160lbs, Derrick Duffy-171lbs

Regional Qualifier:
Mark Govert-135lbs, Douglas Rondo-145lbs, Sonnie Kuntz-152lbs, Mario Ruff-HW

Regional Champs:
Alex Tsirtsis-119lbs, Andrade Hernandez-125lbs, David Martin III-160lbs

Semi-State Qualifers:
Jose Escobedo-103lbs, Andrade Hernandez-125lbs, David Sexton-130lbs, Mark Govert-135lbs, Kenny Bellamy-140lbs, Derrick Duffy-171lbs

Semi-State Champion:
Alex Tsirtsis-119lbs, David Martin III-160lbs

State Placers:
1st-Alex Tsirtsis-119lbs
4th-Andrade Hernandez-125lbs
4th-David Martin III-160lbs
6th-David Sexton-130lbs
7th-Jose Escobedo-103lbs



Dick Blythe



Dick Blythe

More than Expected

Team advances to Semi-state; Five individuals compete in Indy

Compiled By: Julie Rutledge

Resting

Catching a breather, senior **Mark Govert** gets set before the referee blows the whistle. Govert was a LAC Conference champ and a regional qualifier. "I was glad with the way our team wrestled this year," Govert said. "We accomplished a lot that people didn't think we could."



Varsity



Front Row: Greg Caldwell, Roman Zozaya, Tim Timmerman, Douglas Pondo, Andres Hernandez, Manny Gutierrez (capt.), Alexander Cortez, Justin Lynn. **Second Row:** Andrew Robledo, Lucas Gutierrez (capt.), Brandon Allen, Nicholas Choate, Daryl Jay Sears, Pablo Rivera (head cadet). **Third Row:** Coach Travis Wells, Lloyd Jorgenson, Mark Goverd (capt.), Mario Rodriguez, Jerry Cortez, Daniel Martinez, Carlos Viveros Ramos, Brandon Mills, Coach Steve Moore.



Dick Blythe

Leading

Regaining control, junior **Douglas Pondo** reverses to take his opponent down. Pondo led the team in reversals this year and was also the only junior on the team. He is a three-year letter winner.

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
67	Lake Station	12
27	Chesterton	37
42	Delphi	26
74	Andrean	6
84	Lew Wallace	0
18	Bellmont	58
58	Connersville	19
66	Gavit	16
21	Chesterton	39
21	Yorktown	51
42	Peru	27
1	Brebuef	0
25	Highland	34
44	E.C. Central	33
47	Goshen	24
55	Lowell	17
41	E.C. Central	26
38	Cathedral	39
20	Mishawaka	44
37	Southmount	28
23	Highland	36
25	Highland	35
39	Calumet	30
66	Boone Grove	6
56	Bishop Noll	12
76	Whiting	3
45	Merrillville	30
31	Munster	30
60	Morton	15
71	Hanover Central	9
65	Gavit	9
74	Clark	0
38	Calumet	27
37	Munster	30
18	Highland	34
40	Merrillville	19
59	Morton	19
24	Portage	39
	Conference:	2nd
	Sectionals:	1st
	Regionals:	1st
	Semi-State:	2nd

Did You Expect The Team To Go To Semi-State?

Senior



Daniel Schoon

"Yeah, I knew that we were going to be good this year and go really far because of the talent and dedication of the freshman and senior class."

Sophomore



Sonnnie Kireta

"I felt that we had a strong team. I didn't think that we would get as far as we did, but I'm glad that we made it to semi-state and I'm proud of everyone."

Stretching

Getting a quick laugh, the Griffith wrestling team watches as teammate freshman **Justin Lynn** tells a joke. The team had practice six days a week for at least three hours every day. They won the Munster super duals, sectionals and regionals advancing them to semi-state. The Panthers also had 12 individual wrestlers advance to regionals and eight to semi-state, the most in school history.



Dick Blythe

Memories

Taking her turn with her relay team, senior **Veronica Solis** gives it her all. "I'm going to miss everything about swimming: the people, the coaches, and the relationships I've developed with them," Solis said. "We had a new team overall this year, and everyone worked so hard to get better."

Leadership

Doing a back dive, senior **Sarah Blanchard** was one of the two senior divers on the team. "I think I personally could have done a lot better this year, but I wasn't able to practice very much," Blanchard said. "My favorite meet of this year was when we took first against Calumet."



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Junior

Teanna Sutton

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Teanna Sutton

Best Mental Attitude:
Tina Guvo

Most Improved:
Candis Kusin

2nd team All Conference:
Teanna Sutton

Honorable Mention:
Lacey Hall

"As this year's captain, I felt that I had to be a strong leader, and I enjoyed having the responsibility of the team. As a whole, we got along better with each other. I felt a lot more comfortable this year at state than last year. I tried my best and it was very exciting because winning is all a matter of point seconds."

Coaching

Overlooking the girls swim team competing at sectionals, head coach **Rob Gass** supports his team. "This year's sectionals went well for both teams. I was very pleased with the girls' efforts this year and with their time drops. Overall I think we had a pretty good showing," Gass said.



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Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
88	Lowell	92
91	Gavit	89
72	Highland	102
117	Hobart	64
46	Munster	140
91	Merrillville	93
51	Lake Central	135
10	Crown Point	116
90	Hammond High	11
69	Morton	31
82	Kankakee Valley	101
87	Bishop Noll	10
84	Clark	16
5th	LAC Conference	
4th	Sectionals	



Josh Moon

Determination

Pushing herself against the team's biggest rival, Gavit, junior **Lacey Hall** swims the 200 i.m. "This year was very exciting going against Gavit because we ended up beating them in the end of the meet," Hall said. "Our team had a lot of new people, but we had a lot more team unity this season."



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Encouragement

Cheering on ther teammate at a meet, sophomore **Brianna Nagy**, freshman **Allison Plesniak**, and sophomores **Julie Connell** and **Candis Kush** support the other girls whenever they can. "It's fun cheering because it gets us all pumped up. It makes the people swimming want to do better, knowing that ther teammates are cheering them on. It was a lot of fun," Kush said.

What do you feel was your best win this year?

Sophomore

Julie Connell



"The best win for me this year was when I swam the 100 free and my time dropped six seconds. This was my first year swimming, and I had a lot of fun with it. It was also very fun going to state and supporting Teanna."

Junior

Shannon Churtich



"At sectionals this year I dropped six seconds in my 500 free. I think this year was better than last year because we worked more like a team and overall everyone worked harder."

Varsity



Front Row : William Plesniak, Ali Hayworth, Jennifer Mateja, Candis Kush, Amanda Hanna, Amber Pelz. **Second Row :** Teresa Healy, Paige Dark, Gwen Gough, Rebecca Teanna Sartin, Christy Clark, Amanda Goldman, Coach Kelly Hall, Coach Jeff Hall. **Third Row :** Brianna Nagy, Christina Ernert, Shannon Churtich, Tacie Wojtasiak, Kelly Gwizdala. **Fourth Row :** Veronica Jacobs, Caroline Cooper, Julie Connell, Megan Stapleton, Dawn Rowland.

History Repeats

Compiled By Kristen Brehler

Panthers send one to state again



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Taking Off

Jumping off his starting block freshman **Drake Bistrow** works for the lead. This was Bistrow's first year swimming and he also won the award for Best Mental Attitude at this year's winter sports banquet.

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Jason Kane

Best Mental Attitude:
Drake Bistrow

Most Improved:
Jimmy Long



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Varsity



Front Row : Jeremy Martin, Brandon Kitner, Maddy Sullivan **Second Row :** Jason Kane, Peter Timmy Long, Robert Denny, Mark Lewis, Jason Kane, Coach T.J. Long **Third Row :** Sean Dobis, Danny Vessell, Matthew P. Vaclavik, Jason Platts, Josh Kirkland

Cooling Down

Swimming laps after practice, junior **Mark Lewis** begins his cool down. "At the end of every practice we did cool downs to relax our muscles for the next day's practice."

Resting

Taking a break in between events at sectionals senior **Jason Kane** waits for his next race to begin. Kane was a co-captain this year and also received Most Valuable at the winter sports banquet.



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What was the best part of the season for you?

Freshman



Jimmy Long

"The best part of the season was [illegible] sectionals. I dropped five seconds off my time and advaced to the finals in the 500 free".

Sophomore



Mickey Sutton

"I thought the best parts of the season were when we would have kick board fights at the end of practices."

Junior



Mark Lewis

"This year every one had their best times during sectionals so I think that that was the best part of the season."

Senior



Jason Kane

"Being a senior on a winning team to win in the last sectionals was the best part. I was glad that I placed in the top six for my event



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Practice

Swimming hard at practice junior **Robert Denny** swims the breast stroke "I was out most of this year with an injury, but I was glad that I was able to swim in time for sectionals," Denny said. " I placed fifth in the 100 backstroke. I think this year's team did pretty well with the small numbers that we had."

Pushing thru it

Compiled By Kristen Buehler **Young team steps up to take third at conference**

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
58	Highland	106
56	Hobart	122
70	Merrillville	114
65	Portage	116
105	Calumet	56
63	Crown Point	113
61	Morton	22
77	Munster	96
43	Lake Central	139
80	Kankakee Valley	90
79	Bishop Noll	17
91	Lowell	93
3rd	LAC Conference	
3rd	Sectionals	

Concentration

Getting balanced for his dive, junior **Jeremy Martin** was the first male diver to go to regionals from Griffith. "Going to regionals was a new experience and it showed me how dedicated other divers were compared to myself," Martin said.



Corey Hecht



Junior

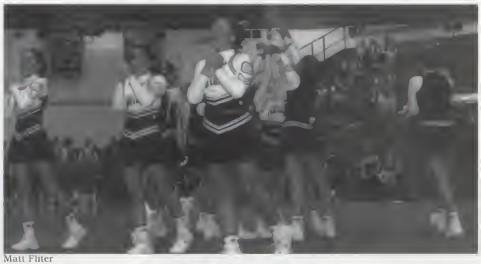
Danny Vessell

"Being a captain this year was a good experience for me because it made me feel like a coach. I did a lot of pushing people to the max and encouraging them every day in practice. Whenever people were down, I always tried to pick them up."

Shout it Out

compiled by Brandi Harvath

Cheerleaders kept crowds entertained



Matt Flitter

Cooperation

Giving it their all, sophomores **Shannon Thiel**, **Tara Bumbales**, and **Teri Calhoun** rush the crowd during their competition performance. "Overall, this has been my best year as the cheerleading coach," **Luann Morgan**, coach, said. "I felt that the squad really pulled together, and I am going to miss the girls next year."



Matt Flitter

Tick-Tock

Wishing good luck to other teams, senior **Christy Bumbales** gets "tick-tocked" during the pep rally as sophomores **Ashley Babbitt** and **Teri Calhoun** help get the crowd involved. The cheerleaders performed for the Pantherettes, wrestling team, swimming team, and choir members during the only pep rally of the year.



Sophomore

Tara Bumbales

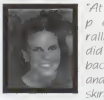
"There were good and bad times to having my sister on the squad. When we got along it was fun but sometimes we would get mad at each other. It all worked out though and was a blast."



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What's your most embarrassing moment?

Junior



Danielle Trueblood

"At the pep rally I did a backflip and my skirt got caught in my spankies and I had to do the school song like that, while the whole wrestling team was sitting behind me."

Senior



Christy Bumbales

"I've had many embarrassing moments. It's so horrible when you fall doing a backflip on the track or slip on the slippery basketball court, trust me."

Sophomore



Ashley Babbitt

"My name was being announced on a time out when they introduce the cheerleaders, and I went to do my side hurdler, on the way down my ankle gave out and I fell. Everyone saw me start crying and run off."



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Perfection

Working together, senior **Ashley Wilson** and junior **Laura Blahunka** balance in the hands of their fellow cheerleaders as senior **Michelle Prewitt** cheers along. This year, the squad went to a competition held at Highland High School and was awarded third place.

Rhythmic

Getting in sync, the varsity cheerleaders do a dance routine at the Midwest Cheer-Dance Competition. "We didn't have a lot of time to prepare for competition," junior **Stephanie Drass** said. "But I thought we did a good job and I was proud of us."



Matt Fiter



Matt Fiter

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Christy Bumbales

Best Mental Attitude:
Danielle Trueblood

Most Improved:
Ashley Babbitt

UCA Allstars:
Christy Bumbales
Ashley Wilson

UCA Camp:
Leadership; Awards; 1st Place Home Routine



Determination

Yelling loudly, senior **Michelle Prewitt** and sophomore **Rachel Grimmer** pump up the crowd with a cheer. "I love cheering for football because the crowd gets so much more involved in the game," Grimmer said. "Plus I liked cheering for my brother, Justin."

Spirited

Sticking their mount, senior **Christy Bumbales**, junior **Laura Blahunka**, and sophomore **Shannon Thiel** are put up by the rest of the squad between quarters at a basketball game. The squad was led by senior captains Christy Bumbales and Ashley Wilson.

Varsity



Front Row: Ashley Wilson (capt.), Christy Bumbales (capt.), Michelle Prewitt (capt.)
Second Row: Stephanie Drass, Danielle Trueblood, Kimberly Kenyon, Laura Blahunka (capt.) ***Third Row:*** Teri Calhoun, Ashley Babbitt, Rachel Grimmer, Shannon Thiel, Tara Bumbales

"This year was hard after going to the final four last year and then this year starting off the season 0-5. It was frustrating being the only experienced varsity player because everyone looked to me to fix everything."

Senior Kathleen Vanek



Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
22	Hobart	50
29	River Forest	40
52	Whiting	56
42	Merrillville	44
31	Highland	74
37	Wheeler	27
42	Lake Station	9
28	Andrean	59
35	Hammond High	27
37	Calumet	28
62	Clark	19
45	Lowell	36
43	Morton	40
43	Hebron	55
33	Munster	43
46	Bishop Noll	55
33	Chesterton	30
38	Gavit	50
	Sectionals:	
53	Bishop Noll	45
41	Gavit	55

Offense

Wide open, senior **Crystal Nelson** takes a shot from inside the arch. Nelson was a senior captain and played guard for the Panthers. She was the only three point shooter on the team this year.



Defense

Waiting on the point guard, junior **Elizabeth Potesta** gets ready to defend. Potesta was a three-sport athlete also playing volleyball and softball. "It is hard because it takes up a lot of my time," Potesta said. "It is good though because it keeps me out of trouble."









Instruction

Looking on, coaches **Kevin Sudac, Don Salczynski, Tom Golumbeck and Dianna Melby** watch as their team plays. This was the second year for this coaching staff. Their first year they led the Panthers into the semi-state finals for the first time in the school's history.

Determination

Going up strong, senior **Sarah Fry** fights to get her shot off. The Panthers won their first game of sectionals, but lost 55-41 to Gavit in the championship. "I think we came out and played our hearts out," Fry said. "We surprised a lot of people by making it to the championship game."



Getting Pumped

Giving the high five, sophomore **Clarissa Farr** and senior **Kathleen Vanek** get ready before the game with their special tradition. "Slapping hands with my teammates during the starting line-up got me pumped up for the game," Farr said. "It also got me full of energy to play."

Coordination

Keeping her eyes on the ball, sophomore **Rachelle Huber** guards her opponent. Huber earned her first varsity letter this year. "I was nervous because playing varsity was a totally different level of basketball," Huber said. "JV was less competitive and required less dedication."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Kathleen Vanek

Best Mental Attitude:
Elizabeth Postesta

Most Improved:
Clarissa Farr

1st team All Conference:
Kathleen Vanek

All Conference

Honorable Mention:
Sarah Fry



Junior Varsity



Front Row: Angela Hanson, Tiffany Kendler, Melissa Wardlaw, Trisha Cooper, Kristen Buehler, Kelly Gilmartin, Jennifer Davis **Second Row:** Amanda Hartwell (mgr), Coach Don Salczynski, Lauren Chappell, Carla Sanchez, Rebecca Wardlaw, Tiffany Kendler, Kristen Buehler, Coach Kevin Suda, Kelly Cooney (mgr)

Varsity



Front Row: Kelly Kearney (mgr), Elizabeth Postesta, Sarah Planer, Lauren Chappell, Kristen Buehler, Rachelle Huber, Amanda Lauren (mgr) **Second Row:** Coach Tom Kalmbach, Coach Don Salczynski, Crystal Nelson (asst), Sarah Fry (asst), Kathleen Vanek (capt), Clarissa Farr, Coach Deanna Melley, Coach Kevin Suda, Trainer Jeff Cooper

Learning the mix

Compiled By: Julie Rutledge

Panthers suit up with an all new line-up

What Was Your First Year On Varsity Like?

Freshman



Sarah Planer

"This year was very fun for me. I got a lot of experience and learned a lot as the year went on. I'm glad I was on the team with the people that were there."

Sophomore



Kristen Buehler

"I learned a lot of new things. Before a lot of the girls left and we were all very close. It was a lot of fun all season especially having all our team parties after games and stuff."

Junior



Lauren Chappel

"It was fun because all of the players were really close. We had a pasta party at my house the night before sectionals that was fun and it got us pumped."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Efriam Juarez,
Cliff Wilson

Best Mental Attitude:
Matthew Mendenhall,
Matthew Gonzalez

Most Improved:
Bradley MacFarlane

1st team All Conference:
Efriam Juarez,
Cliff Wilson

2nd team All Conference:
Matt Mendenhall

Honorable Mention:
Neil Dimos

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
58	Hebron	44
56	Highland	49
47	Lake Station	36
57	Andrean	63
27	Kankakee Valley	56
36	Highland	45
58	Calumet	62
50	Wheeler	55
59	Lowell	45
50	Hobart	41
48	Morton	46
51	Munster	35
56	Clark	53
55	Noll	66
48	Gavit	35
32	Crown Point	39
65	Hammond High	74
47	South Bend Adams	56
40	Whiting	21
51	Hanover	32
	Sectionals:	
63	Morton	49
57	Bishop Noll	63

Determination

Giving it his all, senior **Efriam Juarez** goes up for a base ball. Juarez was one of only two seniors on the team. "It wasn't hard only having two seniors," Juarez said. "The younger guys stepped up and played hard so they made it easy for Matt [Lira] and me."



Mike Jones



Matt Fliter



Matt Fliter

An Open Shot

Panthers strive for success

Domination

Flying through the air, senior **Matthew Lira** slam dunks the ball during a basketball game at Whiting High School. Lira had an injured finger for the first part of the basketball season but was able to play during sectionals.

Concentration

Taking the open shot, junior **Nel Dmos** fights to get the ball in the hoop. "Highland was my favorite team to beat because no one expected us to win any big games and that game was the first of many," Dmos said.



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Junior Varsity



Front Row: Matthew Vasek, Morris Sims, Rogelio Mata, Kevin Pimentel, Rami Zeiak, Alex Sepulveda. **Second Row:** Joseph Martin, Brad Ma, Adrianne Sean Sexton, Nealdeep Gill, Sapta Raul Sardo.

Varsity



Front Row: Jacob Cruz, Matthew Gonzalez, Cliff Wilson, Ryan Whitte, Efraim Juarez. **Second Row:** Thomas Keown (mgr.), Jacob Malone, Nathaniel Fentress, Nel Dmos, Richard Lumadeda (mgr.). **Third Row:** Hillary Bernath (mgr.), Mallory Bercaw (mgr.), Melissa Dickson (mgr.), Matthew Ira Adam Luka, Matthew Menderhall, Dominic Gerbel (mgr.), Tommy Jones (mgr.), Ramon Albarran (mgr.).

Shielding

Tangled in an opponent's body, sophomore **Cliff Wilson** searches for an open man. This was Wilson's second year playing varsity and his first year as a starting forward.

Patience

Standing strong junior **Matthew Menderhall** waits as junior **Nel Dmos** comes over to trap their opponent. "We trap people during a press because we're trying to force them into making a bad decision and turning the ball over. Our press and defense were very successful this year because of our trapping," Menderhall said.

Why I Started Playing?

Sophomore



Nathaniel Fentress

"I started playing basketball when I was little because my dad signed me up for it, and I ended up liking it."

Junior



Jacob Malone

"I wanted to play basketball because it lets me be competitive and it makes me work hard."



Senior

Efriam Juarez

"Before our warm-ups we usually play music really loud in the locker room to get ourselves pumped for the game."



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Different Team Fundraisers

50/50 at Home games
All sports teams

Hots-N-Brats & Calendars
football

Car Washes
Boys & Girls Soccer
Cross Country
Softball

Selling Things
Baseball-wreaths
Girls Track-donuts
Volleyball-coupon cards

Little Girls Camp
Cheerleaders
Pantherettes

Free Throw-a-thon
Boys & Girls Basketball



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Leadership

Performing the half time show of the boys varsity game, senior **Lindsey Powers** leads her group of pre-schoolers in their routine. The Pantherettes had over 160 girls from pre-school through sixth grade. The girls went for a week at camp and received poms and T-shirts.



Victor Sendejas

Was your fundraiser very successful?

Freshman



Carly Salczynski

"My fundraisers for basketball and volleyball were successful. We had a free throw-a-thon for basketball and sold tickets for a Candlelight Bowl. I liked having our volleyball car wash because that was a lot of fun."

Sophomore



Stephanie Kolisz

"I think we raised a lot of money for our volleyball fundraiser. It paid for my whole spirit pack. I liked selling the coupon cards because it was easy and a lot of people liked them."

Junior



Kelly Davis

"The car wash we had for soccer was a lot of fun and we raised a lot of money. I like having car washes better because you get to do stuff rather than just sell things to people."

Senior



Kevin Cap

"The fundraisers we did this year for football went pretty well. I like working the concession stand at school rather than going out and selling the calendars to raise money."



Kellie Sternberg

Selling Styles

Making the money flow

Compiled By: Kristen Buehler



Rinsing

Hosing down the cars after being cleaned, juniors **Adam Wilbert** and **Tiffany Juarez** rinse the soap off of cars. "The car wash was good because it bought my spirit pack, and with the extra money our coach took us to M.C. sports and we bought our own things," Wilbert said.

Teamwork

Playing a game at cheer camp, junior **Danielle Trueblood** gets pulled through a hoop. The varsity cheerleaders learned how to work together as a squad while trying to get everyone thru the hoop. "Everyone went to camp from the money we raised from our fundraiser," Trueblood said.



Luann Morgan



Washing

Washing cars during their X-country fundraiser at Ready School, senior **Angelina Alvarez** and sophomore **Valerie Saltanovitz** clean tires. "I liked the car washes because they are fun and we make a lot of money," Alvarez said.

What We Got With The $$$$$

- Balls
- Shorts
- Sweatshirts
- Shirts
- Uniforms
- Trips
- Equipment



Junior

Jessica Sherbit

"I think that our Krispie Kreme fundraiser for track was successful for me and my team because it is not that hard to sell donuts to people. I enjoy having car washes rather than trying to sell items as fundraisers because they are more exciting."

Dedication

Flying high, senior **Melissa Gaddini** jumps over the buckets during indoor practice. The team had daily practices after school, which involved pylometrics, speed work, and distance routes.

Strength

Putting her back into it, junior **Jessica Sherbit** hurls the shotput through the air. Sherbit has done shotput for the past two years and improved by five feet. "I lifted a lot more weights this year so that helped me a lot," Sherbit said.



Josh Moon



Victor Sedejas

Relay Repeats

Compiled By Emily German

Relay team sent to regionals again

What was your favorite race to win?

Sophomore



Shannon Scheidel

"The best race for me was the Calumet invite because I got my best time. There were a lot of people there watching me and I wanted to do well."

Senior



Shauna Santere

"My favorite meet was the Sectionals at Calumet. I just started that event and I got my fastest time of the season."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Kasheena Green

Best Mental Attitude:
Tiffany Juarez

Most Improved:
Kristen Buehler

2nd team All Conference:
Kasheena Green

Honorable Mention:
Allison Banta
Kristen Buehler
Kelly Gilmartin
Kasheena Green

Varsity



Front Row : Kelly Gilmartin, Rachael Daesles, Belinda Sendejas, Shannon Scheidl, Allison Banta, Natalie Mazur, Samantha Drach, Stacey Caron **Second Row :** Lauren Schneider, Sarah Teague, Ashley Adams, Rachel Allegretti, Ashley Hise, Amanda Alvarez, Katie Govert, Lindsey Govert, Tiffany Juarez, coach Adrienne Schneider **Third Row :** Vicki Juarez, Christina Redden, Christina Soldana, Christina Bancela, Charli Bojan, Amanda Caummisar, Kristi Hoese, Shauna Santare, Kristen Buehler

Jumping

Soaring high through the air, freshman **Natalie Mazur** clears the high jump bar. This was Mazur's first year in track and she also ran the two mile distance. Mazur also participated in track all through middle school, and still helped out with the middle school track team throughout the season.



Scoreboard

Opponents	Us
Noll, Hammond	5th
Munster, Morton	5th
Clark, Andrean	5th
Lowell, Lake Station	4th
Highland Invite	2nd
Munster Invite	2nd
Calumet Invite	1st
LAC Invite	2nd
LAC Fresh/ Soph	5th
Sectionals	3rd



Victor Sendejas

Determination

Pushing herself the extra little bit, freshman **Kelly Gilmartin** finishes up on the hundred meter dash at sectionals. Gilmartin also ran the 4 x 100 relay and the 4 x 400 relay. The 4 x 100 relay team, which also consisted of Allison Banta, Kristen Buehler, and Kasheena Green went to regionals for the second year in a row.



Kristen Buehler

Creativity

Designing their sectional beaters sophomores **Christina Saldana**, **Ashley Enloe**, **Stacey Caron**, and freshmen **Natalie Mazur**, and **Belinda Sendejas** work hard in sophomore Kristen Buehler's garage. The track team hosts an annual pasta party the night before sectionals. "The pasta parties are always a lot of fun," Caron said. "We sit around, eat a lot, and make our beaters that we wear to school the next day."



Junior

Allison Banta

"This year's track team was different because there were fewer members and we had very few seniors, but everyone got along well. We all cheered for each other a lot and encouraged everyone. It was really exciting that our relay team made it to Regionals again."



Victor Sendejas



Matt Flitter

Looking on

In hopes of a good throw senior **Bret Rochetti** watches to see how he did. "I have been on track two years but I felt I did better my senior year because I worked to my full potential," Rochetti said.

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Craig Kovera
Tyler Radtke

Best Mental Attitude:
Victor Sendejas

Most Improved:
Matt Kovera

1st team All Conference:
Bret Rochetti
Craig Kovera

2nd team All Conference:
None

Honorable Mention:
None

All Area:
None

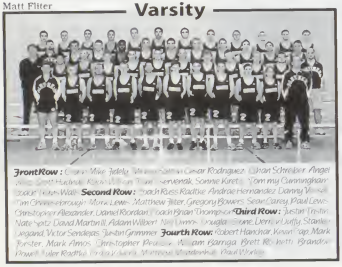


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Varsity



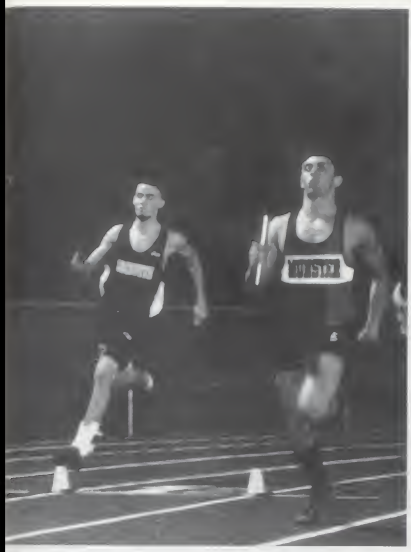
Front Row: Coach Mike Tately, Yvonne Salmon, Cesar Rodriguez, Brian Schneider, Angel Arias, Scott Hudnall, Kevin Dunn, Tyler Sendejas, Sonnie Kirst, Tom my Cunningham, Trainer Tom Wilt. **Second Row:** Coach Ross Radtke, Andrew Hernandez, Danny Yarnell, Tom Brewington, Mona Lee, Matthew Teter, Gregory Bowers, Scott Grey, Paul Lewis, Christopher Alexander, Daniel Riordan, Coach Brian Thompson. **Third Row:** Justin Trotter, Nate Yeats, David Martinill, Adam Wilson, Sal Dorio, Douglas Stone, Dennis Lafty, Stanley Leonard, Victor Sendejas, Jordan Grimmer. **Fourth Row:** Robert Hamilton, Kevin Sage, Mark Forster, Mark Almos, Chris Topper, Preston Phillips, Kaimga, Brett Rochetti, Brandon Powell, Tyler Radtke, Tyrone Harris, Montrose Vanderwall, Paul Wortes.

Leaping High

Giving it his all senior **Craig Kovera** competes in the long jump competition. There were 13 seniors, 10 juniors, 11 sophomores, and 5 freshmen on the boys track team.



Matt Flitter



On the go

Running hard junior **Matthew Mendenhall** keeps his pace steady. "I thought as a team we were successful, but there were a few invitationals where we had minor mistakes that cost us," Mendenhall said.

Scoreboard	
Opponent	**Placed**
LAC Indoor Invite	1st
Noll Relays	---
Noll Relays	---
Lake Central Invite	---
Noll, Hammond	---
Munster, Morton	---
Andrean, Clark	---
Lowell, Lake Station	---
Hobart Little 5	---
Highland Invite	2nd
Lowell Invite	2nd
LAC Meet	---
Sectionals:	---
Regionals:	---

"As a senior I'm going to miss working with all the underclassmen because they really worked hard which helped the entire team. Even though we practiced hard, I think they can still improve for next year. Hopefully they could get further."

Angel Velez

Senior



On the right track

Compiled By Jessica Neto

Panthers run like the wind

What's your best memory this season?

Sophomore

Corey Hecht



"After not being able to run sectionals I got the chance to run in regionals."

Sophomore

Doug Stone



"[Russ] Radtke telling me there would be woolly mammoths roaming the earth in three years because they were going to be cloned."

Junior

Sean Carey



"Winning the indoor conference at Bishop Noll because it was the first time since I've been on the team that we've won a conference."

Pushing Hard

Keeping up with the competition, senior **Victor Sendejas** sprints in the one mile. "I was always there for my teammates keeping them mentally strong, pushing them to do their best," Sendejas said.

Giving His All

With 100 percent effort junior **Adam Wibert** stays on track. Wibert ran in the 400 dash, two -mile relay, 800 dash, and also the one-mile relay. "I was happy with my performance this year because I made it to regionals," Wibert said. "Even though I got my butt kicked there it's okay because I'll do better next year."



Matt Piter

Hitting

Shuffling to the base line, junior **Kelly Davis** returns her opponent's hit. Davis played at the third single position. "I enjoy playing tennis a lot. The team competed very well this year and gave it their all every match," Davis said.

Concentration

As her mom watches in the backround, senior **Sarah Handley** lightly taps the ball. "I've been in tennis for all four years of high school," Handley said. "This year has been the most fun because we all bonded more as a team and our new coach brought us more innovative ideas."



Matt Flitter



Matt Flitter

For the Love of the Game

Compiled By: Stephanie Staples **Girl's tennis welcomes new comers**

Which team do you think was the hardest team to compete against?

Freshman

Dominique Sims



"Merrillville, because they seemed more organized than us and they had more personal practice time than we were allowed."

Sophomore

Melissa Powell



"Probably Munster because they were very skilled and I'm a beginner so for me they were the tougher team to beat."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Stacie Kapciak

Best Mental Attitude:
Julie Cadle

Most Improved:
Kelly Davis

1st team All Conference:
Julie Cadle

Varsity



Front Row: Magen Anderson, Tiffani Lindsay, Melissa Powell, Jennifer Perez, Martyna Kapciak **Second Row:** Jennifer Sims, Dominique Sims, Stacie Kapciak, Amamda Cervantes, Sarah Handley, Melissa Oceguera **Third Row:** Coach Tracy Sines, Heather Banks, Julie Cadle, Kelly Davis, Dorothia James, Angel Tumgla, Coach Tosepn White

Preparation

Waiting for her teammate, freshman **Tiffany Lindsay** serves the ball as freshman **Jennifer Perez** is in her ready position. This was both Lindsay and Perez's first year on the tennis team.



Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
3	Whiting	2
4	Morton	1
2	Lake Station	3
1	Calumet	4
0	Merrillville	5
0	Crown Point	5
3	Bishop Noll	2
1	Lowell	4
3	Hanover Central	2
2	Andrean	3
0	Munster	5
3	Highland	2
5th	LAC Conference	
	Sectionals:	
3	Hanover Central	2
1	Crown Point	4



Ben Vania

Effort

Running towards the ball, senior **Stacie Kapciak** struggles to get it back in play. "I'm surprised about how much fun I had this year," Kapciak said. "It was a good senior year."



Matt Fliter

Patience

Going for the point, senior **Jennifer Sims** serves. Not only was the team comprised of many new players, but the team also welcomed a new coach, Joe White.



Junior

Julie Cadle

"The team worked very hard and we all did our best in practices and every game we tried to get every ball in play. Last year a lot of our seniors moved up so this year more of our players were freshmen and sophomores. They still played very well and were a necessity to our team."



Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Nicole Clarkson

Best Mental Attitude:
Elizabeth Postesta

Most Improved:
Christen Nash

1st team All Conference:
Julie Kutledge
Nicole Clarkson
Stefanie Roznowski

2nd team All Conference:
Christen Nash

Honorable Mention:
Rochelle Huber

Fearless

Questioning a call, coach **Dave Lopez** disagrees about the call made. There were seven seniors on the team and three of them started. This is Griffith's youngest team in history.



Matt Flitter

Concentration

Taking her turn at bat, junior **Elizabeth Potesta** tries for a big hit. Potesta played third base this year and also was a captain. "Winning sectionals is one of the best feelings in the world. It was an honor being a captain because it's nice to know you're the person who helped the team out."



Josh Moon

Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
16	Merrillville	9
0	Valparaiso	7
2	Boone Groove	1
3	Chesterton	2
3	Whiting	1
2	Crown Point	3
1	Highland	2
11	S.B. Washington	0
3	S.B Riley	1
15	Lake Station	4
0	Andrean	10
5	Hobart	3
21	Calumet	0
10	Lowell	5
0	Portage	5
5	Morton	0
0	Lake Central	1
2	Munster	3
1	Kankakee Valley	4
8	Clark	1
2	Bishop Noll	4
5	Gavit	1
1	Hanover Central	2
12	Hammond	0
2	North Newton	4
2	Wheeler	1
4	Wheeler	2
	Sectionals:	
7	Boone Groove	4
5	Andrean	3
4	Hanover Central	2
	Regionals:	
0	S.B. St. Joe	13



Josh Moon



Matt Flitter

Stealing

Sliding into third base, junior **Stefanie Roznowski** gets a stolen base. "This year it was nice winning sectionals again because no one thought we could do it last year. Winning the second time this season proved to a lot of people we really could do it and it wasn't just luck," Roznowski said.

Coordination

Catching a foul ball, first baseman senior **Carrie Petroski** makes the out. This was Petroski's first year playing first base for the team. She was moved from left field in the beginning of the season and stayed on first the rest of the year.



Matt Flitter



Celebrating

Overwhelmed with excitement after their sectional victory against Hanover Central, the varsity girls congratulate each other on the field. This was the second year in a row the team won the Andrean Sectional title and advanced to regionals in Monticello.

Swinging

Fouling the ball back, sophomore **Nicole Clarkson** barely gets away with a hit. Clarkson was also one of the three captains on the team along with senior Julie Rutledge and junior Elizabeth Potesta. "It was nice to be captain because I always try to lead the team as part of being a catcher," Clarkson said.

"This year was very different from last year. It was hard adjusting to a completely new infield and team. The closeness and bonds that the team had this year were incredible, and I don't think that there is another team around like this. They are going to be contenders for years to come."

Julie Rutledge

Senior





Matt Flitter

Winning Again

Compiled By: Kristen Buehler

Panthers win 2nd Sectional title

Junior Varsity



Front Row : Kiera Richardson, Laura Richardson, Emily Gilmore, Sara Wilcoxen, Kalynn Sabo **Second Row :** Michelle Wargitsch, Ashley Rawdon, Holly Williams, Nicole Schamski, Tarin Blythe **Third Row :** Coach Melissa Schammert, Julie Connell, Caroline Joseph, Kathleen Manley, Coach Debra Lynch

Varsity



Front Row: Kylan Hollingsworth, Christen Nash, Rochelle Huber, Christy Bumbales, Tara Rambadis **Second Row:** Maggie Turek, Christen Nash, Nicole Schaefer, Andrea Melendez, Angela Serrato, Tarin Blythe, Lyndsey Clarkson (mgr.) **Third Row :** Coach Melissa Schammert, Carrie Petroski, Caroline Joseph, Kathleen Vanek, Coach Michelle Rowen, Jessica Rankin, Lisa Carroll, Julie Kuhlekamp, Coach Dave Lorek

What was it like winning Sectionals two years in a row?

Christen Nash — **Sophomore**



"Winning sectionals was really exciting, especially this year because I got to play a lot and contribute more to the team."

Rochelle Huber — **Sophomore**



"Beating Andrean in Sectionals was really exciting. It was my first time that I ever won anything like that. I had a lot of fun on the team this year and I think we played really well all season."

Christy Bumbales — **Senior**



"It was great because we beat them two years in a row and nobody thought we would. In the beginning we weren't playing like we could have, but by Sectionals we were playing to our full potential."

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Michael Tomaszewski

Best Mental Attitude:
Mark Govert

Most Improved:
Anthony Rodriguez

1st team All Conference:
Phillip Cadle
Michael Tomaszewski
Tom Zeuli

2nd team All Conference:
Anthony Rodriguez

Honorable Mention:
Kenneth Darnell
Mark Govert
Jack Johnson

Excellence

Following through, senior **Michael Tomazewski** throws the ball. The Panthers won 6-4 in the tenth inning of semi-state defeating Columbia City. The game lasted 3 hours and didn't end until 11:5 am. This was the team's first trip to Indy in the school's history.



Nikki Clarkson

Determination

Fouling off, senior **Jason Alexander** takes a crack at the ball. This was Alexander's first year playing baseball for the school. He has run track for the past three years and also played football all four years.



Nikki Clarkson

What was you most memorable win?

Junior



Matthew Gonzalez

"Our regional, because we were picked as the darkhorse and we won. I've always wanted to go to state and the win got us there."

Junior



Christopher Spiegel

"It was Penn, because the whole team got involved and we came together to beat the number two team in the state."

Senior



Anthony Potesta

"Mine was Penn, because it started us back on a winning track and that is what we needed going into sectionals the next week."



Nikki Clarkson

Junior Varsity

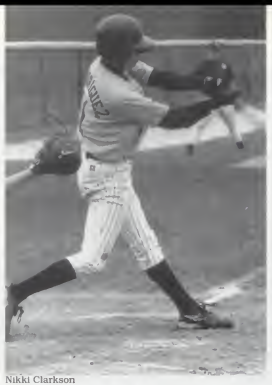


Front Row: Brian Wilson, Joe Mahoney, Jason Perez, Trenton Dalton, David Sexton
Second Row: Benjamin Bartley, Evan Cuesta, Rudy Lopez, Justin Hendon, Mike Rodriguez, Matthew Harrison, Jason Lewis **Third Row:** Jeremy Jones, Sean Sexton, Dustin Lewis, Anthony Potesta, Michael Hunt

Aggression

Taking a chance, senior **David Sexton** gets thrown out trying to steal second base. This year was Sexton's first year at Griffith. He moved to Griffith from East Chicago over the summer and was the Panthers' 1st baseman.





Nikki Clarkson

"It was a big adjustment from being the designated hitter last year to becoming the full-time catcher this year. It was physically hard on my body and a lot of work."

Jack Johnson

Senior



Contact

Swinging, junior **Anthony Rodriguez** puts the bat on the ball. Rodriguez was the only junior who consistently started on the varsity team. The team had 11 seniors and 3 juniors this season.



The Panthers show off their state runner-up trophy

~Sectional Champions~

~Regional Champions~

~Semi-State Champions~

Season Recap

~The team finished with a 26-6 record~

~Coach Brian Jennings's third year at Griffith~

~Jennings's third sectional title~

~The school's first regional title~

~Eleven seniors on this year's team~

~Seven players made conference teams~

~The entire infield was made up of seniors~

~Only one junior started~

~First trip to Indy~

Bringing It Home

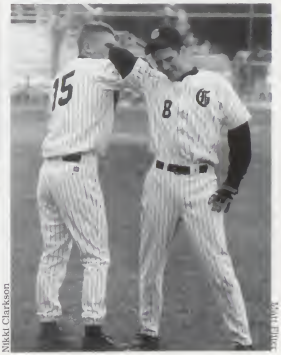
Panthers go to Indy for the first time and come home with a ring

Compiled By Julie Rutledge

Scoreboard		
Us	**Opponent**	**Them**
6	Highland	3
3	Munster	5
10	Hobart	9
0	Wheeler	3
11	Hanover Central	1
4	St. Joseph	3
11	K.V.	10
7	Highland	1
14	Lake Station	0
10	Crown Point	4
19	Calumet	5
6	Lowell	4
0	Andrean	2
12	Chesterton	1
6	Morton	2
8	Munster	6
5	Clark	2
6	North Judson	2
10	Bishop Noll	4
10	Gavit	0
7	Lake Central	15
3	Hammond High	0
10	Whiting	0
4	Lowell	2
4	Highland	11
3	Clark	4
19	River Forest	1
1	Penn	0
	Sectionals:	
8	Gavit	2
18	Morton	0
	Regionals:	
2	S.B. St. Joe	0
13	Plymouth	9
	Semi-State:	
6	Columbia City	4
0	Indy Cathedral	16



Front Row: Rhind Sowinski, Kenneth Darnell, David Sexton, Anthony Rodriguez
Second Row: Tom Zeller, Michael Tomaszewski, Christopher Spiegel, Mark Govert, Jason Alexander **Third Row:** Coach Brian Jennings, Jack Johnson, Anthony Rodriguez, Phillip Castle, Matthew Callender, Matthew Gonzalez, Coach Josh Rodriguez



Nikki Clarkson

All Around

Getting loose, seniors **Matthew Callender** and **Mark Govert** help each other stretch before the game. Callender switched off with senior Michael Tomaszewski playing shortstop and centerfield depending on who was pitching.

Patience

Watching the group ahead of them, senior **Joshua Moon** waits with arival golfer. The regional match Moon played in lasted just under seven hours. Moon was the only player to make it to regionals.

Leadership

Scoping out the green, senior **Marc Brady** sets himself up. "My best moment was when I shot an 85 at our conference meet," Brady said. "I felt really good about it."



Joshua Moon



Joshua Moon

Above Par

Compiled By: Roy LaBarge

Panthers strive for a sectional title

Fast Facts

Most Valuable Player:
Joshua Moon

Best Mental Attitude:
Nicholas Kasbohm

Most Improved:
Braden MacFarlane

2nd team All Conference:
Joshua Moon

What has been your most memorable moment in golf career?

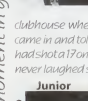
Senior



Joshua Moon

"My most memorable moment was when I was a sophomore. I was finished and in the clubhouse when Nick [Kasbohm] came in and told me Marc [Brady] had shot a 17 on the last hole. I have never laughed so hard."

Junior



Craig Van Gorp

"My best moment was when I shot a 51 on a nine hole course. It was good for me but I know I can still do better than that."

Varsity



Front Row: Randmir Vania, Craig Van Gorp, Timmy Lada, Anthony Lyons, Mike Frye. **Second Row:** Nicholas Kasbohm, Joshua Moon, Nate Wood, Matthew Vanek, Marc Brady. **Third Row:** Coach Jeff Piekunka, Ryan Kus, Andrew Goldasich, Thomas Melton, Bradley MacFarlane, Andrew Jones, Coach Jack Rowane

Working Hard

Lining up his shot, sophomore **Mike Frye** gets ready to putt. Frye was on the golf team for two years and averaged a 48 in his sophomore year.



Scoreboard

Us	Opponent	Them
190	Highland	188
178	Lake Station	269
175	Andrean	154
185	Calumet	214
188	Lowell	183
178	Morton	176
188	Munster	158
187	Clark	250
366	K.V. Invite	----
182	Bishop Noll	178
182	Gavit	186
164	Hammond	219
404	LaPorte Invite	----
184	Whiting	228
367	Laconetti Invite	----
185	C.P./N. Newton	----
347	Lake Tourney	----
178	Lake Central	163
366	Sectionals	----



Matt Flitter

Arms Length

Senior **Nicolas Kasbohm** drops his ball after hitting it into a water hazard. The move resulted in a one stroke penalty on his score card.



Matt Flitter

Tee time

Swinging his club, senior **Joshua Moon** prepares to drive the ball. Moon was captain, made second team all-conference, and was MVP during his senior season.



Sophomore

Bradley MacFarlane

"I feel I did relatively well considering that I am a sophomore and I have two more years. My drives were good but I still feel my short game can improve."



Matt Flitter

Fast Facts

Freshmen who played varsity sports:

Soccer- 2
Basketball- 1
Softball- 2
Volleyball- 2
Track- 11
Tennis- 8
Swimming- 4
Cross Country- 1

Freshman Girls

Compiled By: Christina Boncela

Learn to adjust in high school

Records

Volleyball:
2-16

Basketball:
10-2



Nikki Clarkson



Ashley Hooper

Volleyball



FrontRow: Megan Matusik, Jennifer Wolfe, Allyson Mize, Kaysi Burrows, Brittany Clark. **Second Row:** Tashonda Sweeney, Rachelle Chandler, Tina Gano, Carla Hoffgarde. **Third Row:** Meginan Wright, Coach Betsy Blessing, Charita Hogan

Cheerleading



FrontRow: Lauren Dunsery, Amber Kashmm, Angela Mussa. **Second Row:** Ana Venegas, Christina Boncela, Jane Shin

Dignity

After a game of volleyball against Lake Central, freshman **Kristi Hoese** puts on her socks and shoes and prepares to go home. Hoese was one of two freshmen on this year's varsity team. Both freshmen saw a lot of playing time.

Preparation

Freshmen **Belinda Sendejas** and **Natalie Mazur** warm up and get ready for a track meet. "I need to stretch out before I run so I can get loose and ready to go," Sendejas said. "I have to be ready to run the mile and the 800-meter, and I also do high jump and run the 2-mile relay."



Nikki Clarkson





Emily Ethridge

Loyalty

Winding up, freshman **Jessica Banke** practices pitching for softball. "I've been playing since I was 9 years old so I'm really glad that I made the team," Banke said.

Practice

Preparing before the basketball game, freshman **Christina Boncela** is held up by her squadmates in a split press. Boncela has been in cheerleading since 7th grade.



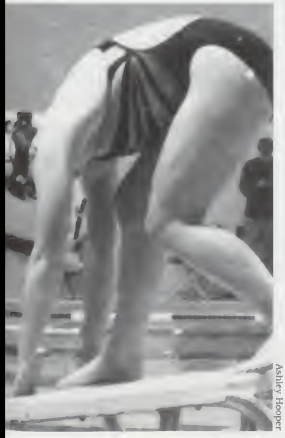
Emily Ethridge

"It's harder to play on varsity than freshman because most of the girls have already had experience. If I would have played with my own grade level, it wouldn't have been as challenging and I don't think that I would have had as much fun."

Sarah Planer

Basketball
Soccer





Ashley Hooper

Was it difficult adjusting to the high school sports?

Basketball



Carly Salczynski

"The competition is so much more fierce that it pushes me harder to become a better athlete and compete at a higher level."

Volleyball



Alisha Staes

"There are more people to compete against to get a spot on the team so the tryouts are a lot harder. The teams from other schools are also more advanced at playing."

Cheerleading



Taylor Morton

"This year our squad had to pull together a lot more than before. Everyone had to be flexible and learn how to do different things."

Perseverance

Diving in, freshman **Tina Guvo** gets ready to swim the 100-meter butterfly. "Being in swimming this year has taught me that hard work and dedication really pay off a lot," Guvo said.

What's your favorite thing about high school sports?

Freshman



Tommy Doppler

"Getting together with my friends because we always have a good time together."

Freshman



Justin Fogarty

"I like being with all my friends and being able to help the school out in some way."

Freshman



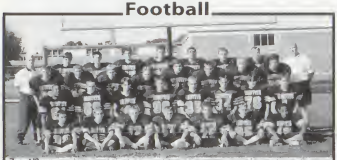
Zach Najar

"Every one gets more into high school sports so it makes it more fun."



Champion
Showing the winner, the referee holds up freshman **Alexander Tsirtsis'** arm. Tsirtsis was one of three freshmen to go to state for wrestling.

Football



Front Row: Dan Wiemelt, Joe [illegible], Jason [illegible], Zach Najar, Gary Hoang, Jeff Hamington, Justin Fogarty, Nick [illegible], Jeremy Dragoo, D. Pirone, Tom Sanders, Robert Campbell, Jake [illegible] **Second Row:** [illegible], Liam O'Connell, Mark [illegible], Alex [illegible], Chris [illegible], Hunter Kogowski, [illegible], Jeremy Dragoo, D. Pirone, Tom Sanders, Robert Campbell, Jake [illegible] **Third Row:** Mark Lamington, Tom Schultz, Nathan Sanders, [illegible], Tyler Schlage, Aaron Kane, William M. Mullin, Daniel Pascual, Ryan Schroeder, Mathew Yates, Shawn Rowland, John Shea, Calvin Jones, Michael Sullivan, [illegible] **Fourth Row:** [illegible]



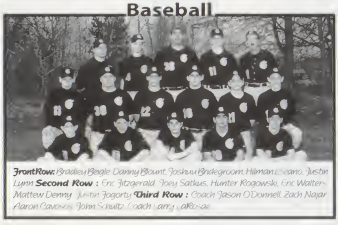
Corey Hecht

Basketball



Front Row: Malcolm Johnson, Matthew Dering, Richie Studniarz, Tony Schultz, James Lee **Second Row:** Jason Hornung, Noah Zemke, Ronnie Maddox, William M. Mullin, Ryan Wilson **Third Row:** Jason Hoffrichter, Eric Stadnik, Coach Dave Lahti, Colin Stark, Stephen Tek

Baseball



Front Row: Bradley Beagle, Danny Blount, Joshua Bridegroom, Himan Evans, Justin Lynn **Second Row:** Eric Fitzgerald, Joey Sattues, Hunter Kogowski, Eric Walters, Matteen Denny, Justin Fogarty **Third Row:** Coach Jason O'Donnell, Zach Najar, Aaron Cravens, John Swatt, Coach Gary Gallezak

Records

Baseball: 8-11

Basketball: 11-8

Football: 3-5



Matt Fliter

Learning the mix

Compiled By: Christen Nash and Stephanie Staples

Freshmen break into high school sports



Determination

Freshman **Noah Zemke** jumps in front of the inbound pass. "I liked playing forward because it was fun to get all the rebounds."

Poise

Freshman **John Schultz** shoots a free throw while his teammates wait for the rebound. Schultz also played for the freshman football and baseball teams.

"I started pitching when I was 11 years old because I was good at shortstop and I had a good arm so my coach made me try pitching."

Danny Blount

Freshman





Corey Hecht



Strength

Going for the pin, freshman **Justin Lynn** wrestles against a member of the Clark High School wrestling team. Lynn was one of ten freshmen on the wrestling team.

Congratulating

Walking with their teammate, freshmen **Hunter Rogowski** and **Matthew Denny** give congratulations to freshman **Benjamin Bartley** who had just hit a homerun. The team's assisstant coach, Jason O'Donnell, was a former Griffith baseball player.



Nikki Clarkson

"I enjoyed being on JV softball team because I got a lot of playing time, but the varsity team was exciting and really close. It was also very exciting being part of the sectional team and winning."

Julie Connell

Sophomore





Victor Sendejas

Run-a- holic

Going strong in the race, freshman **Belinda Sendejas** keeps up the pace. Along with x-country, Sendejas also played soccer and ran track. She was the only freshman to play more than two sports.



Nikki Clarkson

What was it like getting moved up for sectionals?

Sophomore

Kalynn Suba



"I was excited even though I knew I probably wouldn't play, but it was still fun being with everyone on the team."

Sophomore

Sean Sexton



"I was excited that I was moved up because I knew that we would win sectionals and I feel comfortable with everyone because we are like a family."

Sophomore

Roy LaBarge



"I was proud that I was moved up because it showed that they recongized my abilities."

Concentration

Falling for the ball, sophomore **Jordan Buzea** dives to get the ball away from his opponent. Buzea was a starter on the varsity soccer team and played midfield for the Panthers.



Corey Hecht



Matt Flier



Determination

Concentrating, freshman **Katie Govert** gets ready on the block. Govert was a sprinter in the 400 meter relay. The 4x100 relay, long jump and 200 meter dash all made it to regionals this year.

Team Player

Leading the pack, sophomore **Corey Hecht** keeps his pace. Hecht participated in the two-mile relay, 800 meter run and one-mile relay where he was an alternate for Regionals.



Ryan Sutton

Underclassmen

Compiled By Julie Rutledge

Step up to help the Panthers win



Matt Fliter



Concentraction

Making the play, freshman **Tiffany Lindsay** returns the ball to her opponent. Lindsay was on the 2nd doubles team. "It was hard because the seniors and upperclassmen were really good and you wanted to compete with them," Lindsay said. "But at the same time I wanted to learn from them."

Teamwork

Coming together, the **GHS junior varsity infield** talks about the upcoming play. The team had four girls who played varsity and JV. They also had four girls moved up to varsity for the sectional roster.

Award Winners

Male Athlete of the Year:
Tyler Radtke
Female Athlete of the Year:
Kathleen Vanek
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year:
Paul Dalach
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year:
Kathleen Vanek
Susan L. Anderson Memorial Award for Courage:
Kevin Cap
Angela Serrato

Earning the title

Compiled By Teri Calhoun

Banquets churn out award winners

Food
Potluck dinners
Fall Banquet
November 20
Winter Banquet
March 5
Spring Banquet
May 31



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Attentive

Concentrating hard, sophomore **Christen Nash** waits for a good pitch. Nash won Most Improved at the spring sports banquet. "Being on varisty my freshman year helped me to see what went on and how things worked so that I could get better for my sophomore year," Nash said.

Competitive

Running on some rough ground, freshman **Bradley J. Beigle** competes at a meet. Biegle won Most Improved at the fall sports banquet for cross country. "I was really surprised because I didn't think that I had improved that much," Beigle said.



Nikki Clarkson

Fall Sports



Front Row: Victor Sendejas, Bradley J. Beigle, Andrea Fernandez, Leslie Grimmer, Elizabeth Potesta, Jennifer Sims, Michelle Gaddie. **Second Row:** Heidi Martin III, Alison Banta, Tiffany Juarez, Crystal Bermudez, Kathleen Vanek, Kelly Davis, Angelina Alvarez, Shannon Schneider. **Second Row:** Philip Cadle, Jacob Malone, Tyler Radtke, Omar Gonzalez, Joseph Tharp, Jacob Vidor, Gregory Power.

Winter Sports

MVP: Teanna Sutton, Alex Tsirtsis, Jason Kane, Christy Bumbales, Kathleen Vanek, Efriam Juarez, Cliff Wilson

BMA: Tina Guvo, Kenny Bellamy, Drake Bistrow, Danielle Trueblood, Elizabeth Potesta, Matthew Mendenhall

MI: Candis Kush, David Sexton, Jimmy Long, Ashley Babbitt, Clarissa Farr, Bradley MacFarlane

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Spring Sports



Front Row: Kristen Baehler, Elizabeth Potesta, Tiffany Juarez, Nicole Clarkson, Christen Nash. **Second Row:** Victor Sendejas, Joshua Moon, Kasheena Green, Stacie Kapcan, Julie Cadle. **Third Row:** Kelly Davis, Bradley MacFarlane, Bret Reichetti, Tyler Radtke, Craig Kupka.



Escaping

Trying to get away from his opponent, senior **Tyler Radtke** runs down the field. Radtke won MVP for football and track. He was also Male Athlete of the Year because he participated in football, wrestling and track.

Connection

Trying his best to get loose, sophomore **Michael Carey** grapples with an opponent from Lowell. Carey was recognized for his wrestling abilities with the JV MVP award.

"It felt really good to win the award for Best Mental Attitude because it was my senior year. I always tried to be positive so that the team would play better when they were down."

Jennifer Sims

Senior





Matt Fitter



Matt Fitter

What award did you win?

Senior

Victor Sendejas



"I won Most Valuable player for soccer, along with Justin [Sidor]. It made me feel like I was a necessity to the team and I know that I deserved it for all my hard work and dedication."

Sophomore

Ashley Babbitt



"I won Most Improved at the winter banquet for cheerleading. I was really shocked because I didn't think I was going to get an award."

Junior

Matthew Gonzalez



"I won Best Mental Attitude for basketball. It surprised me, but I was glad I won it because it showed that coach sees I try my hardest."

Determination

Going up for the rebound, junior **Neil Dimos** jumps through the air. Dimos won the Will to Win award from the coach and Gatorade. "I felt honored that my coaches saw that I had so much desire to play the game," Dimos said.



Discussing plans for prom, juniors **Allison Banta** and **Kimberly Reyome** look for ideas in magazines. The theme for prom was "At Last" and the colors were fuschia, lime green, and iridescent white.

Organizations

our mixed interests

Flyers in the hallways, early morning meetings, and major events are all part of **our** commitment when we join clubs. Throughout the year, some students were generous by either giving blood at the blood drive sponsored by Honor Society or donating food for the food drive held by Student Council. The "Top 10" cutest senior guys got **mixed** in with females who bought tickets to win a date with them for the day. Hallways were decorated by Booster Club members during homecoming week and also for sports teams to promote school spirit.

Lots of time was given up to reach out to people at the Highland Nursing Home and some common **interests** were found between the students and the elderly. Working hard during the year paid off for some organizations when the Pantherettes squad came out with a second place at the IHSDTA state competition, and the varsity JETS teams received a first in their state competition. Whether involved in organizations or not, many students participated in the events that members of clubs planned and most had a blast.

---by brandi harveth





Left: Junior **Tabitha Black**, senior **Angel Velez**, and sophomore **Charley Hancock** march on to the football field for a pre-game performance. Below: Promoting their club, juniors **Brianna Bieker**, **Nikki Love**, and freshmen **Brittany Clark** and **Kelly Baldazo** walk in the Homecoming parade.



Senior **Marie Ritchey** gives moral support to senior **Julie Purgert** during the National Honor Society blood drive where 71 pints of blood were collected. The Pantherette squads hits a pose at a halftime performance during a basketball game. Junior **Alida Baldazo** and **Kelly Davis** write down rose sale information at a Student Council meeting. **Anita Cox** makes a pyramid out of the food that was collected to for the Thanksgiving food drive. Junior **Shannon Churitch** helps herself to some food at the French Club Christmas party which was held on Dec. 19.



Front Row: Natalie Mazur, Benjamin Vania **Second Row:** Taylor Morton, Lauren Convery, Katherine Cramer, Michael Gatti **Third Row:** Stephan Hellen, Beau Dobis, Lawrence Hawthorne (Spon.)



Front Row: Megen Anderson, Heather Banks, Tiffany Lindsay, Samantha Drach, Taylor Morton **Second Row:** Amber Kasbohm, Ashley Adams, Melissa Mleczkowski, Emily Etheridge, Crystal Formulak, Allison Kayden, Allie Wolaszyn **Third Row:** Sarah Planer, Lauren Convery, Lauren Ritz, Queen Adams, Anna Kowalski, Christina Doncela **Fourth Row:** Carly Salczynski, Abigail Minahy, Kaleigh Kistler, Charity Bryan, Kristi Hoese, Julie Sims, Hayley Mantis



Front Row: Angela Smigla, Alisha Staes, Rachael Surowiec, Laura Gonzales, Nhaya Abu Ain, Allison Plesniak, Heather Banks, Becky Stevens **Second Row:** Jessica Holloway, Laura Pinkerton, Emily Etheridge, Michelle Warstler, Kethe Govert, Taylor Morton, Tabatha Williams, Sheryl Gonyo **Third Row:** Suzy Wilczynski, Carly Salczynski, Allie Wolaszyn, Sarah Planar, Melanie Fuse, Lauren Ritz, Amber Kasbohm, Christina Hoffman **Fourth Row:** Brenda Bernadas, Michelle McNerlan, Christina Cendrzka, Tonie Burns, Lauren Convery, Christine Bondela, Queen Adams, Rieve Olveru **Fifth Row:** Meoshia Whitage, Stacey Wollan, Anna Coalski, Christine Frostick, Emily Stemberg, Nicole Ketwig, Kaligh Kissler, Amanda Borders, Amanda Goliski



Ben Vania



Ryan Sutton

Marching in the Homecoming parade, memebers from the Freshman Class Council proudly display their class banner. Their float received 36 points, which gave them the third place title.

GETTING A FRESH START

BY BRIANA BIEKER





Chilling out after the show, freshman **Sean Dobis** eats some ice cream and reads a magazine. Dobis went with ACES to see *Romeo and Juliet* at Navy Pier. Dobis said his favorite part of the show was the sword fighting.

Listening to an idea, freshman **Toreyi Burns** discusses plans for the Christmas party at a French Club meeting. Burns decided to join the club since she was taking French I, and she also helped decorate the display case for French Week.

Corey Hecht

Smaller lockers, bigger bullies and harder schedules are just a few challenges freshmen face when entering high school. Another difficulty is getting recognized by upperclassmen.

"It's a little hard (to get upperclassmen to listen to you) because you don't get to voice your opinions since they have more senority," freshman **Charity Bryan** said. "When you do say something, they don't take you seriously."

Despite the hardships of voicing their opinions, most freshmen seemed to have found their niche here.

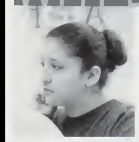
"Most upperclassmen don't care if you're older or younger than them," freshman **Anna Marie Ziemniak** said. "They talk to me just like they would one of their friends."

Since challenges and obstacles are all part of the high school experience, freshmen don't need to be shy when it comes to getting involved. According to senior **Jessica Thompson** all you need is dedication.

New faces show up throughout our clubs in the form of freshmen.

"If you really want to be a part of high school, then join a club," Thompson said. "It opens you up to new and different people and experiences."

WHY DID YOU JOIN THAT CLUB?



Elisa Chavez
Freshman
"I like it because I'm interested in the culture." (Spanish Club)



Jessica Stevens
Freshman
"I was in a business class and they offered it so I became a member." (DECA)



Bradley Beigle
Freshman
"Everyone said it was a lot of fun going to the fiestas and that they were an active group." (Spanish Club)



Ashley Hooper
Freshman
"Booster Club, because my sister said it was fun and I like to support our school."



Benjamin Vania
Freshman
"I joined because my friends are in there. I also think that it is fun." (Bowling Club)

Listening to comments from other participants, senior **Amanda Nichols**, president, junior **Michael McCarney**, treasurer, and sophomore **Carley Hecht**, historian, get all the details for French Club. "Amanda always listens to new ideas," sponsor Nancy Tilka, French, said.

Sitting during the Spanish Club meeting, senior **Stacie Kapciak**, secretary, records information over the field trip to the ballet. "I thought it'd be a lot of fun to get involved with a club and organize various activities," Kapciak said.



Victor Sendejas

WHAT MAKES UP A GOOD LEADER?



Alexander Tsirtsis
Freshman

"Someone who sets a good example for others and is authoratative."



Alison Scurtu
Sophomore

"To me a good leader is someone who's not afraid to stand up for what they believe in."



Cathy Dimovski
Junior

"Someone who sets good examples and is trustworthy. They have to be responsible and confident."



Jack Johnson
Senior

"A good leader is someone who takes charge and whom you can depend on."



Victor Sendejas



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Mari Turkowski



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LEADING THE PACK

BY STEPHANIE STAPLES

The last bell has rung. Instead of rushing home to watch TV or hang out with friends, some students are still at school working towards improvement. These students are the leaders of different clubs or groups.

Senior **Selena Saldana** is the president of Booster Club, Chorale Dept. and is the editor in chief of *Panther Press*. She believed that being involved with many organizations helped her gain a knowledge of other things.

Officers guide their classmates forward.

"I think being in different organizations is the best way for someone to find out what they are the best at," Saldana said.

President of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), senior **Justin Grimmer**, said he just wanted to lend a helping hand.

"I wanted to help the SADD organization as much as possible, and being president of SADD is kind of a tradition in my family," Grimmer said.

This year Grimmer was chosen as the male representative for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award (HOBY).

"Good leadership is about managing time efficiently and acting confident," Grimmer said.





Nikki Clarkson

Hanging up posters for DECA, seniors **Theresa Nagel**, president, and **Richard Piszczek**, secretary, talk with **Timothy Fass**, conputers. "Mr Fass was a great help," senior **Stacy Dygard** said. "He helped design flyers and promote DECA."

Conversing with Senior Class Council sponsor, **Barbara Deleget**, senior **Robert Jensen**, president, gets infomation about committees. That was an important meeting for seniors because they had to vote on class song, motto, superlatives, and flower.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES OF THAT CLUB?



Elaine Mazalan
Sophomore
"Thinking of stuff to do for fundraisers and where to go on field trips. (Also) getting people to join (Spanish Club)."



Christina Paris
Sophomore
"Getting more people to know about Remnant and to come (to the meetings) and keeping on subject."



Courtney Schmidt
Junior
"Making sure that everything has what is needed, so that everything is taken care of (for the Spanish Club fiestas)."



Renee Wotkun
Junior
"I have to keep up my grades and keep up good standings with my teachers." (Honor Society)



Stefanie Roznowski
Junior
"Trying to get everybody to make up their minds on the same thing." (Junior Class Council)



Matt Fliter

Making a new friend, senior **Selena Bermudez** talks to one of the residents of a local nursing home. Student Council members visited the Highland Senior Citizen's home during winter break.

Taking a breather, senior **Sarah Govert** requests a song at Student Council's Homecoming Dance along with senior **Elliot Miller**. The 2000 Homecoming Dance, hosted by Student Council, took place the day after the football game.



Corey Hecht



Matt Fliter

Any event requires planning, organizing and setting up that accumulates into the actual doing of the event, like Honor Society's Blood Drive or Student Council's Food Drive. For example, the blood drive raised 71 pints of blood, exceeding their projected number of 70.

"The blood drive had a good turn out," junior **Christopher Jackson** said. "(It was) more than we expected since there were a lot of games that day and not a lot of people could give blood."

As with any project, there were challenges involved in putting the plan in action. It's rare that an event can come out without any problems, and the food drive was no exception.

"There were three people running the food drive so we had to haul all the cans by our lonesome," junior **Kelly Davis** said.

All in all, each club was able to carry out its intended activity, and a sense of accomplishment could be found in the words of those who participated.

"I was proud that we were that we were able to reach our goal," senior **Kate Higginbotham**, Honor Society, said.

Major events turn out successful despite problems

STOP THE PRESSES

BY BRIANNA BIEKER





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Holding senior **Steven Homoky**'s hand, senior **Sarah Blanchard** offers moral support at National Honor Society's Annual Blood Drive held April 19. The slogan for the drive was "Only You Can Prevent Blood Shortages."

A little creativity went a long way for the Junior Class Council, who placed first in the banner decorating contest. Junior **Lindsay Govert** places the slogan on their award-winning banner.

Corey Hecht

TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE

BY STEPHANIE STAPLES

Serving at the Top 10 dinner, sophomore **Clarissa Farr** delivers a plate of food to **Ruth Carmichael**, biology senior. **Kate Higginbotham** looks on. "Everyone worked together to make the dinner run smoothly for everyone," Farr said.

Exchanging ideas about a spread for Re-flector, seniors **Candice Peters** and **Kellie Sternberg** discuss the changes needed to be made. "Teamwork is critical for the yearbook staff," Carolyn Brown, advisor, said. "Everyone depends on everyone."



Mary Turkowski



Matt Fliter

Students and Staff discuss the pro's and con's of group projects

When we were building the sophomore float, nothing was working out right. Not everyone was helping and we couldn't figure out how to get things to stay on," sophomore **Christy Clark** said. "But then everyone started working together and getting things done. It turned out to be a lot of fun and we won first place."

Not every group project has a happy ending, but many do. According to sophomore **Jason Lewis**, it all depends on who you're working with and what you're working on.

"Sometimes people in the group won't help if they know I know what I'm doing," Lewis said. "If it's a harder project, however, they might help out more."

Student Council sponsor **Anita Cox**, history, seems to think that when students work in groups, they seem to do better.

"I think that when people work in groups, they're able to run more ideas by and it's more organized to get the job done," Cox said.



Nikki Clarkson





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WHY DO YOU LIKE WORKING IN GROUPS?



Crystal Bermudez
Freshman

"You get to know people a lot better in smaller groups than in larger groups because you can talk easier with less people."



Kelly Kearney
Sophomore

"I like working in groups because it's more fun than working by yourself and you work faster with other people."



Ryan Zolcak
Junior

"When you work in groups it's a lot easier because you have other people to help you."



Brett Bierman
Senior

"Working in groups allows you to get more opinions from the other people and you get the job done faster."



Ryan Sutton

Talking matters over during a senior class council meeting, seniors **Kevin Cap**, **Kelly Gerdes**, **Brad Sowinski**, and **Lisa Carroll** work together. "We all have to work together to get everything done, like the senior song and motto," Cap said.

Showing their school spirit during the homecoming parade, DECA members march along their Don Quixote float. Many DECA members competed together at state in the DECA Bowl March 4, 5, and 6.

BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BRIANNA BIEKER



Nikki Clarkson

Preparing for Student Council's Valentine's Day fundraiser, senior **Breanne Steagall**, president, writes the prices of the roses for all members to see. The club sold 650 roses and made $157.

Keeping an eye out for a good shot, senior **Matthew Fliter** follows a tennis game. "Yearbook photographers are very active in catching the aspects of high school life," Fliter said.



Victor Sendejas

Working on a club event is like working on stage. There are always the stars of the show, but it's the people who set everything up that rarely get the chance to shine. These are the people who contribute behind the scenes.

"Earlier this year, we made up bags of candy for all the teachers around around Halloween," junior **Jessica Gulley**, Spanish Club member, said. "(I liked it) because we got to eat all the leftovers."

Some jobs in club activities may require minimal work like bringing in food for a party. Others might need a little more time and energy.

"I help with what needs to be done," junior **Kristen Salczynski**, French Club member, said. "French Club events go very well because everyone helps. Even with us being a small club we get a lot done."

Putting together club events is both time consuming and rewarding

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR THAT CLUB?



Michelle Popovich
Senior
"Getting people to be focused on what we're doing and what (Remnant) is all about."



Stacie Kapciak
Senior
"I worked on the parade in Student Council. (Also) I organize meetings and keep track of records."



Kimberly Reyome
Junior
"I support our sports players by making signs that motivate school spirit." (Booster Club)



Carolyn Lopez
Sophomore
"I was in the (Homecoming) parade. I dressed up for the Don Quixote theme." (Spanish Club)



Elizabeth Potesta
Junior
"I sold, put together and distributed the roses for Student Council's fundraiser for Valentine's Day."





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Nikki Clarkson

While working on the Homecoming parade float for Junior Class Council, juniors **Craig Von Gorp** and **Brittany Parent** help each other with the lights for the scoreboard. Their float title was "Cardinals' Worst Nightmare."

Since winning state last year, one would think the Pantherettes would be assured a first place at state competition this year. But along with winning state comes the moving up of divisions. The Pantherettes were forced to compete in Division I which is the toughest to compete in.

Pantherettes face additional challenges at competition.

Sophomore **Ashley Enloe** had a hard time getting used to the high level of competition and the hardships that came with it.

"The hardest part of being in Division I was dealing with Munster and their bad sportsmanship. It was really hard to stand there and let them rub it in our faces that they got first."

The Pantherettes will continue to compete in Division I next year and junior **Christina Cavazos** thinks that with a new coach and a new squad they will do just as well and will know more of what to expect.

"We worked great as a team this year and with a few adjustments, next year should go just as smoothly," Cavasos said. "Teamwork means everything."

WORKING UP A SWEAT

BY TERI CALHOUN



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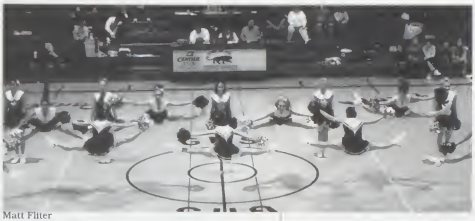
Matt Pitzer



Ben Vania

Picking up her bowling ball, sophomore **Hillary Forsythe** gets ready to bowl during Bowling Club at Plaza Lanes in Highland. Bowling Club was held after school on Tuesdays and was sponsored by Daryll Carstensen.

High in the air, members of the Pantherettes do toe touches during their competition routine. "Performing gives me such an adrenaline rush," sophomore **Kristin Domsic** said. "Practicing is exhausting and it takes a lot of dedication."



Matt Flitter

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO BOWL?





Benjamin Vania
freshman

"My dad bowls so I like to also. It's fun and I want to practice now so that I will be a good bowler when I grow up."



Jason Betts
sophomore

"I've been bowling for a long time. It's always been fun for me and I'm good at it, so that makes it even better."



Dustin Gogal
Junior

"I didn't have an intrest at first but my friends convinced me to join because it was fun. They were right, I had a good time."



Crystal Wilcox
senior

"I have bowled since I was five in a YBA league. I just like to bowl for the fun of it."

Keeping the beat, freshmen **Justin Echols** and **Keenan Hecht**, sophomore **Mary Turkowski**, and seniors **Angel Velez** and **Ryan Horn** perform during halftime of a football game. "Playing the school song and watching the crowd get pumped up is the best part of band," Echols said.



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Matt Fliter

Looking over signs, seniors **Theresa Nagel**, **Richard Piszczek**, and sophomore **Kamarie Cunningham** figure out where to put signs for DECA. Hanging signs throughout the halls was one of the methods used by clubs to inform students of meetings.

Gathering different selections of paper, juniors **Alida Baldazo** and **Kelly Davis** receive the materials they need to sell roses for Valentine's Day. Student Council held meetings twice a month on Wednesday mornings.



Nikki Clarkson



WHAT MAKES MEETINGS WORK?



Sean Dobis
Freshman

"For a meeting to work well you need to have communication, cooperation and lots of participation from other members."



Nicholas Green
Sophomore

"The most important part of a meeting is actually getting something accomplished, not just sitting around and bickering."



Kristin Luindquist
Junior

"Attendance by members and good cooperation between members and a strong leader are what makes meetings work."



Jennifer Laffoon
Senior

"Good communication between everyone involved is what makes meetings work really well and also if the meeting is being led by a strong leader."



Julie Conrad
Biology

"Preparation is the key to success. Delegating equal amounts of work to all parties will lead to a large information bank to choose from."



Matt Flitter

Thinking over ideas, seniors **Melissa Gaddini** and **Veronica Solis** brainstorm about what the senior Homecoming float should look like. The senior class council also planned the senior banquet and graduation.

Discussing topics, senior **Tiffany Kender** juniors **Jamie Sanchez** and **Jessica Raddatz** participate in a French club meeting. "I like to keep the group informed at all times and I take everyone's opinion into consideration and delegate from there," senior **Amanda Nichols**, president of French club, said.



Nikki Clarkson

GETTING THE JOB DONE

BY KELLE STERNBERG

It's 7:30 a.m., the time when some students are still just rolling out of bed, but it's also the starting time for many clubs' meetings. Attending meetings is something that many students are familar with.

According to freshman **Allie Woloszyn**, who was a member of Student Council, if clubs didn't have meetings, everyone would do what they wanted because there would be no different opinions.

"Student Council meetings are good because they give you options on what activities you choose to be in, and then we also vote to decide on what to do," Woloszyn said.

Freshman **Angela Smigla** was a member of Spanish Club, which met about twice a month.

"Meetings are very important because they keep everyone involved in the club in touch about what to do and when things need to be done," Smigla said.

Being in a club brought many different activities to students and going to meetings is one of them.

Meetings proved essential for clubs to stay on target

"My motivation for going to Spanish Club meetings is because we do different activities than other clubs and also sometimes we get doughnuts," senior **Sarah Blanchard** said.



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Nikki Clarkson

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY?



Courtney Schmidt
Junior

"I liked decorating for the parade. It's fun because the few members who are avid goers get together to help decorate."



Shannon Thiel
Sophomore

"Decorating lockers, because it encourages our team players to do better."



Kyle Wolfe
Sophomore

"Going to leadership workshops in Milwaukee. We went to malls, ate out, and stayed in a hotel. It was something out of the ordinary."



Amanda Nichols
Senior

"The Honor Society field trip to the senior home. Seeing the expressions on their faces was satisfying."



Corey Hecht



Corey Hecht

Discussing preparations for DECA competition, **Thom Howell**, business, senior **Theresa Nagel** and sophomore **Kamarie Cunnigham**, get ready to compete. Competitions have been an important part of DECA since its beginning.

Preparing for Valentine's Day, **Anita Cox**, sponsor, senior **Gregory Bowers** and **Breanne Steagall**, discuss a deadline for the sale of roses. Student Council sold a total of 650 roses.

GUIDING THE WAY

BY ROY LABARGE



Observing a French club meeting, **Nancy Tika** and **Theresa Swetky** listen to their student's suggestions about the club. "I think it is a great opportunity for students to appreciate the French language and culture," Swetky said.

Writing out a schedule for varsity club, **Russ Radtke**, sponsor, plans out the club's upcoming events. Radtke has been the sponsor for varsity club for eight years.



Corey Hecht

Sponsors led their groups by budgeting time and staying organized



Responsibilities, early meetings and projects are all things students in clubs think of. But what they do depends largely on the availability and the hard work of their sponsors.

Spending extra time can be a problem,but for **Irma Coddington** ,Spanish club sponsor, putting in extra hours is something she has been doing her whole career.

"I have to be there early for meetings," Coddington said. "Also during Thanksgiving, some of the students and I go out and make baskets full of food for the needy."

On the other hand, spending all the extra time with a group can be hard to get used to.

"Having to adjust to putting in more time was hard,"said **Anita Cox**, social studies. "Having to understand how to do things I had never done, especially homecoming, was definitely diving in with both feet."

Although it can be hard to be available for a club, the rewards can be worth the time spent.

"I like to be a sponsor because I love to see my kids succeed," said Carolyn Brown, *Reflector* and *Panther Press* sponsor.

Brainstorming for ideas, Pantherette members seniors **Lindsey Powers**, **Janis Wolejkiewicz**, **Brandi Harveth**, and **Shauna Santare** created dances for the underclassmen during tryouts in March. All six of the seniors on the team had torn in the tryouts.

Attending an early meeting, freshman **Tiffany Lindsay** listens to the discussion of Student Council's rose fundraiser. "I helped out with homecoming and with the float," Lindsay said. "(I) sold $60 worth of roses."


Nikki Clarkson

WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?



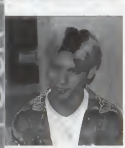
Lindsay Govert
Junior

"For Prom, we tried to make it different so it would stand out and not be so traditional." (Junior Class Council)



Lauren Chappell
Junior

"We have to earn 50 service points [for Honor Society]. I helped with the Top Ten Dinner and worked the Blood Drive."



Jeremy Martin
Junior

"I helped plan Prom. I helped collect money for tickets. I also have to be an honor guard at graduation." (Junior Class Council)



Nate Spitz
Junior

"[The Blood Drive] entailed being at school at seven in the morning and setting up the tables and chairs. We had to help Heartland [the blood center] empty out their trucks."


Matt Flitter



Front Row Nikki Love (secretary), Kelly Davis (vice president), Justin Grimmer (president), David Hildt, Breanne Steagall, Rachel Abbott. **Second Row** Melinda Whitaker, Jake Rietz, Emily Etheridge, Samantha Brach, Barbara Brandt, Ashley Adams, Stephanie Beebe, Kristin Lundquist. **Third Row** Kathryn Ramsey, Jessica Raddatz, Eric Vechey, Elizabeth Potesta, Brittany Clark, Tiffany Juarez, Cathy Dimovski, Stacey Larson, Kristen Sobczynski. **Fourth Row** Robert Denny, Jake Cade, Ryan O'Keefe, Anna Kovalcik, Christine Frastaci, Jocelyn Williams, Carolyn Lopez, Jessica Thompson, Molly Bamforth, Hillary Bennett. **Fifth Row** Elizabeth Dash, Lisa Carroll, William Cogswell, Nicolas Kazdorph, Robert Jensen, Stephanie Bridegroom, Sarah Govert, Kimberly Frederick, Andrea Melendez, Daniel Rankin. **Sixth Row** Veronica Jacobs, Melanie Johnson, Stacie Kapcak, Amanda Toth, Rachel Grimmer, Cynthia Woerner, Carolyne Joseph, Charity Bryan, Kristina Toth, Aldo Balduzzi. **Seventh Row** Brianna Beker, Matthew Huber, Jeffery Cook, Joshua Moon, Victor Sendejas, William Bompo, Omar Gonzalez, Jack Johnson, Matthew Pitter, Bartholomew Lafferty, Karen Kelly.



Front Row Sarah Govert, Selena Saldana, Breanne Steagall, Danielle Trueblood. **Second Row** Elizabeth Dash, Stephanie Beebe, Elizabeth Guzman, Elizabeth Potesta, Tara Barksdale, Christy Barksdale, Barbara Brandt. **Third Row** Terri Gahan, Rachael Suromec, Ana Marie Zermeck, Veronica Jacobs, Kimberly Frederick, William Cogswell, Lindsay Govert, Brittany Clark, Megan Matusik. **Fourth Row** Veronica Seki, Ashley Wilson, Lacey Hall, Charity Bryan, Jake Sims, Carly Schlueter, Tatiana Bichunka, Shannon Thiel, Stephanie Bridegroom. **Fifth Row** Lindsay Powers, Carolyne Joseph, Christina Saldana, Ashley Babbit, Ashley Hooper, Rachel Grimmer, Kimberly Reyome, Brandi Harveth, Michelle Prewitt.



Front Row Donald Ams, Xavier Rucker, James Lunt, Kaitlyn Ayers. **Second Row** Jimmy Long, Eric Arcelo, Jason Denny, Anthony Lopez. **Third Row** Lynn Lancaster, Cody McCarter, Noah Zemke, Charles Stipes, Robert Lafayette, Danny Proctor. **Fourth Row** Jesse Hensley, Christopher Boccino, Eric Strunk, Nicholas Choate, Thomas Kvaerzer.



Mary Turkowski

Keeping track of attendance, planning events, and being early for meetings were just three of the jobs assigned to some club members. In order for the club to work, these members needed to be responsible for those things and more.

"I looked up information on the internet for field trips," junior **Jessica Raddatz** said. "I (also) organized a group to decorate the display case for National French Week."

Members keep clubs organized, orderly, and on task

Being involved in a club also required the responsibility of making sure events ran smoothly. This could sometimes present unexpected challenges.

"Making signs for Booster club was hard sometimes because with being in cheerleading and having to work, everthing conflicted," junior **Laura Blahunka** said.

No matter what obstacles they may have faced, these members led their clubs with support and hard work.

GOOD THINKING

BY BRIANNA BIEKER





Nikki Clarkson

Cleaning up supplies from painting a backdrop, **Elena Rodrigez** helps out backstage. Rodrigez worked on some of the sets for the production of Harvey.

Preparing to serve refreshments, juniors **Allison Banta** and **Nikki Love** discuss how to cut the cake and mix the punch. Banta and Love helped out at Recognition Night as part of their service ponts for National Honor Society.

GOING FOR THE GOLD

BY BRIANA BIEKER



Quill and Scroll president senior **Timothy Thirion** and sponsor **Carolyn Brown** recognize senior **Kellie Sternberg** for earning her admission into National Quill and Scroll. Seniors who made nationals received cords that they wore at graduation.

Matt Fliter

Presenting the drama awards, **Gerry Spejewski**, drama, honors senior **Joni Wolenkewicz** with one of the top drama awards at Recognition Night as senior **John Jensen** watches. Wolenkewicz and Jensen both received the award for acting in at least three musicals, including one their senior year.



Corey Hecht

Winning awards or receiving certificates are two ways people are recognized for abilities. Some clubs gave these honors to their members, and some hosted events which gave people outside of the club the chance to exhibit their talent or intellect.

"I was absolutely ecstatic," junior **Nikki Love** said about her award for Bowling Club. "It only took me 17 years to get a trophy."

Love also participated in Recognition Night sponsored by National Honor Society held on May 23. Although Love was a member of the club, many of those who received honors were not.

> Clubs honor excellence found throughout student body

"I won the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)," junior **Kimberly Reyome** said. "I was chosen [along with] Chris Jackson, and we got to attend a seminar on leadership. There were a lot of speakers. It was really interesting. I was glad to have the chance to go."



Matt Fliter





Front Row: Lauren Jopinka, Monica Debrg, Stacey Curon, Tara Bumbales, Vicki Juarez, Courtney Shebish, Tanya Hunt, Stephanie Pinkerton **Second Row:** Alexandra Soks, Christy Clark, Katie Kessel, Jaclyn Cordes, Melissa Fedorenko, Amanda Pinkerton, Shannon Schaefer, Kelly McCabe **Third Row:** Shannon Thiel, Kristen Bechtel, Amanda Laurencell, Hillary Forsythe, Melissa Powell, Kristin Domsic, Amanda Barron, Kendell Johnstone, Christen Nash **Fourth Row:** Stephanie Staples, Christina Redden, Larissa Farr, Jilie Cornell, Carolyne Joseph, Christina Saldana, Rachel Grimmer, Megan Steapleton



Front Row: Freca McMillon, Rachel Chandler, Nikki Love, Danel Riordan, Roy LaBarge, Craig VanGorp, Quince Ballas, Elizabeth Potestta, Hillary Bernath, Judy Vanselow, Letitia Gillens **Second Row:** Heather Green, Michelle Couch, Sarah Govert, Allison Bonta, Kathryn Ramsey, Adam Ryzak, Kyle Mann, Brandon Bruce, Zachary Withers, Christopher Jackson **Third Row:** Marissa Silk, Teasha Sutton, Jason Lewis, Jeremy Martin, Mallory Bernath, Stacey Larson, Courtney Schmidt, Kristin Lundquist, Bryan Fung, David Reed, Mickey Sutton **Fourth Row:** Renee Wotton, Jessica Gilley, Jeffrey Cook, Scott Bidnell, Brittany Parent, Tanya Hunt, Krysten Fane, Rachel Albright, Nazareno Cortez, Thomas Kearns, Jonathan Rae, Jeromy Glover **Fifth Row:** Lauren Chappell, Elizabeth Dash, Nichole Damron, Chanette Guise, Michael Sims, Nate Spritz, Karen Kelly, Kelly Davis, Veronica Jacobs, Kimberly Reyome, Damon Mitchell **Sixth Row:** Laura Anderson, Michelle Ashenbaugh, Danielle Trueblood, Jonathan Miller-Bradley, Mac Farlane, Carey Hedrit, Adam Lukas, Danny Vessell, Paul Worley, Jeremy Brzychi





Mary Turkowski
Sophomore

"We did so well this year because all of the teams I was on got first place at Merrillville. Interdisciplinary almost made state." (Superbowl)



Sarah Blanchard
Senior

"In Spellbowl, we went to state, and I believe we got fifth in state. For Superbowl, I was on the English and Science teams and we received first in the local competitions, but we didn't advance past that."



Sarah Govert
Senior

"I won the award for excellence in redesign [at the Ball State Journalism Workshops]. There were a lot of good kids in our class so I didn't think I would get anything." (Panther Press)



Emily Gierman
Sophomore

"I was excited about getting Best Mental Attitude because I got along with everyone on the team. It was my first year on the team and I made a lot of friends." (Pantherettes)

HOW WELL DID YOU DO?



Front Row: Carey Baccino, Paul Dolack **Second Row:** Elizabeth Guzman, Daniel Schoen, Stephanie Beigle, Steven Hamoky, Hannah Zenke **Third Row:** Scott Negrete, Shannon Hammers, Kevin Fox, Kristina Toth, Jason Lundquist, Cristen Matthaei **Fourth Row:** Gina Jensen, Stacie Kapcsak, Selena Saldana, Lance White **Fifth Row:** Sarah Blanchard, Jonathan Parvell, Holly Larson, Steven Schulz, Amanda Nichols, Sean Carey, Janis Wolenkiewicz



Jumping high, sophomore **Kristin Domsic** and seniors **Shauna Santare** and **Lindsey Powers** perform at the Lake Central invitational. The Pantherettes placed first in Division I at the competition.



Front Row: Carey Baccino, Carolyne Joseph, Shannon Thiel **Second Row:** Jonathan Rae, Veronica Jacobs, Sean Carey **Third Row:** Stacie Kapcsak, John Jensen, Amanda Nichols, Scott Negrete



Sipping some green tea at China Koon, senior **Omar Gonzalez** enjoys lunch with his friends on a half day. Many students chose China Koon as a favorite place to go on a shortened day.

just one in the mixture people

Times, moods, school, styles, classes, fads, and friends are **just** a few of the things that change in a student's life from year to year. **One** new fad in the entertainment industry was definitely the reality TV shows. "Temptation Island" and "Survivor 2" gained popularity among students, while Zero Gravity and Showplace16 were popular hangouts for students to spend their weekends. Burger King, China Koon, Subway, and Fazoli's were some of the favorite food choices **in** the area. Bright colors, like red and orange were fashionable this year. Cropped pants, diamond studded shirts, and crazier hair styles were some of the styles for **the** girls, while baggy pants that unzip to be shorts were one style for boys.

By the time February rolled around, it seemed like June 6th would never arrive for some and senioritis set in for every grade, not just seniors. Through all the changes high school was an experience that many would never forget.The **mixture** of students created bonds with friends and in relationships that could last a lifetime.

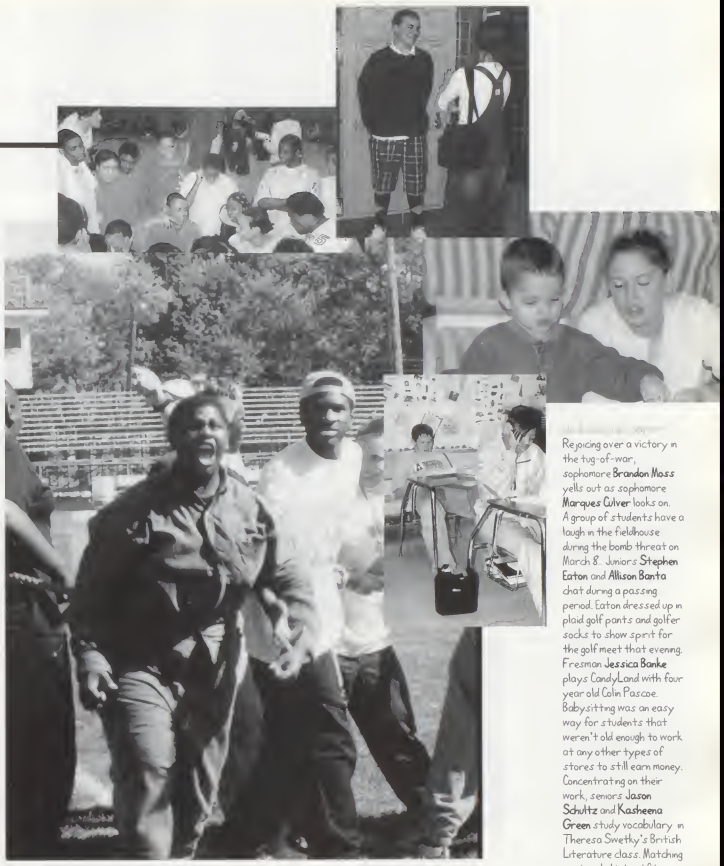
--by candice peters



Left: Senior **Sara Sattanovitz** works on her sewing project in Margie Kerthley's wardrobe planning class. "It's just me," Sattanovitz said. "I'm very artistic and I like to express myself through my clothes."

Below: Junior **Blaine Powell** saws a piece of lumber for his construction trades class at the career center. 60 Griffith students attend the career center for the first three to four hours of the day.





Rejoicing over a victory in the tug-of-war, sophomore **Brandon Moss** yells out as sophomore **Marques Culver** looks on. A group of students have a laugh in the fieldhouse during the bomb threat on March 8. Juniors **Stephen Eaton** and **Allison Banta** chat during a passing period. Eaton dressed up in plaid golf pants and golfer socks to show spirit for the golf meet that evening. Fresman **Jessica Banke** plays CandyLand with four year old Colin Pascoe. Babysitting was an easy way for students that weren't old enough to work at any other types of stores to still earn money. Concentrating on their work, seniors **Jason Schultz** and **Kasheena Green** study vocabulary in Theresa Swethy's British Literature class. Matching pant and shirt outfits were often seen on students around campus, as well as F.U.B.U. clothing.

Jason Alexander Football 9 10 11 12 (All Conf 12), Wrestling 9 10, Track 9 10, Baseball 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Turnabout Prince 10, Prom King 11, Homecoming King 12, Class Council 11 (Sec. 11), SADD 11, Art Club 11

Angelina Alvarez Volleyball 9 10 11 12, Basketball 9, Track 9 10 11 12 (MI 9), Cross Country 12 (MVP 12, 2nd Team All Conference 12)

Mark Amos Football 9 10 11 12 (1st Team All Area 12), Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Basketball 9 10, Track 9 10 11 12 (MI 9), Spanish Club 11

Valerie Anderson









Carey Baccino Drama Club 9 10 11, All State Choir 12, Choralettes 10, Concert Choir 11 12, Chorale 12, Track 9 10, Art Club 10 11, Spanish Club 9 10 11

James Baggarly Football 11, Bowling Club 9 10 11, Varsity Club 11

Morgan Bailey

William Barriga Football 10 11, Track 9 10 11 12, Wrestling 10, Band 9 10, Jazz Band 9, Choir 12, Student Council 11 12, Spanish Club 11 12, Bowling Club 9 10 11, Art Club 12, Who's Who 10 11 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12









Stephanie Beigle Homecoming Queen 12, Prom Queen 11, Student Council 9 10 11 12 (Treas. 12), NHS 11 12 (Hist. 12), Class Council 9 10 11 12 (Treas. 10 11), French Club 11 (Treas. 11), SADD 9 10 11 12

Kenny Bellamy Wrestling 9 10 11 12 (MVP 11, BMA 12), Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Football 9

Selena Bermudez Volleyball 9 10 11 12 (Hon Men 12), Track 10, Spanish Club 9 10 11 12, Varsity Club 11 12

Brett Bierman Golf 9 10 11 (BMA 11), Class Council 9 12, Bowling Club 11, Varsity Club 10 11









Sarah Blanchard NHS 10 11 12, Diving 9 10 11 12 (MI 10), Drama 9 10 11 12, Spanish Club 10 11 12 (Treas. 12), Spell Bowl 10 11 12, Super Bowl 10 11 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12

Gregory Bowers Soccer 9 10 11 12 (BMA 9 10 12), Track 10 11 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12 (VP 12), Honor Society 10 11 12, School Play 12

Robert Bradford Wrestling 9 10 11 12 (Cpt 12), Track 9, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12

Marc Brady









Rachel Thomas, Ashley Hooper



Stacie Kapcak, Kelly Mann





Daniel McCoy

Lauren Dappell, Nicolas Kazbekin, Stepanie Drass



What's your Favorite thing about being a Senior?



"The fact that I graduate this year." Amy Walker



"That I don't have to worry about homework anymore because I'm accepted into college." Ryan Horn



I'm looking forward to beginning my life as an adult, and going to college." Tracy Miller



Matt Filter

Seniors Shannon Hammers and Jessica Thompson wrap senior Brad Swindell in scotch tape during the hall decorating that took place during homecoming week. "Homecoming was one of my best memories of a great senior year," Hammers said

Reading her lines senior Candice Peters rehearses for the parent show the weekend before the student directed play, Harvey. This was Peters first appearance in a Griffith drama production.



Nikki Clarkson









Alison Bridegroom Basketball 9 10 11 (MI 10), Track 9 10, Choir 9 10

Stephanie Bridegroom Swimming 9 10 11 (Cpt 10 11), Track 10, Spanish Club 10 11, Class Council 10, Student Council 9 10

Alda Brooks

Brandon Bruce Hockey 11, Football 12, Choir 9 10 11 12









Jeremy Brzycki Track 9 10 11 12, X-Country 11 12 (MVP 11), Wrestling 10 11, Choir 9 10 11 12

Christy Bumbales Cheerleading 9 10 11 12 (Co-Cpt. 11 12, BMA 10, MVC 12), Softball 10 11 12 (MI 10), Booster Club 9 10 11 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12, Who's Who 10 11 12, NHS 12

Phillip Cadle Baseball 9 10 11 12, Tennis 11 12 (MVP 12), JETS 11 12, Computer Programming Team 11 12 (2nd Place 12), Math Super Bowl 11 12 (Cpt. 11), NHS 11 12

Matthew Callender Baseball 9 10 11 12, Prom Court 11, Varsity Club 11 12, Art Club 11 12

Elizabeth Dash, Daniel Riordan, Robert Jensen



Nikki Geffert, Connie Petrosky



Seniors and Theresa Swethy



Matthew Flitter





Christy Bumbales, Victor Sendejas



Erica Cornett



Lesley Schofield



Jimmy Cunningham, Natalie Mazur



Celina Villarreal, Christina Cavazos

Kenneth Becknell, Patrick McCarney



Senior **Crystal Wilcox** works on the set of the *Harvey* play. Wilcox was one of twelve other seniors who worked on the production of the play.

Seniors **Brad Sowinski** and **Joshua Moon** play around at the Homecoming game. Sowinski was on both the Prom and Homecoming court and Moon was on Turnabout, Prom and Homecoming court.



Nikki Clarkson



Matt Fliter

Helping the children out senior **Julie Purgert** works with her students during exploratory teaching. Purgert taught the first graders at Wadsworth Elementary School.

What Will You Miss About High School?



"I'll miss playing with Muhammad Tobasco at school functions." Angel Velez

"I'm going to miss being in Mr. [Jim] Graff's classes because he helped me a lot." Amber Price





"I will definitely miss hanging out and being able to see my friends everyday." Daniel Schoon



Matt Fliter






Kevin Cap

Lisa Carroll Soccer 9 10 11 12 (2nd team All Conf. 12), Basketball 9 10 11, Track 10 11, Tennis 9 (MI), Softball 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12, Class Council 9 10 11 12, Who's Who 12

Jeffrey Cook

Michelle Couch Choir 9 10 11 12






Nastasha Cortez Choir 10 11 12, Drama 10 11 12, Track 11, Soccer 12, Spanish Club 11 12, Student Council 11 12

Paul Dalach Academic Competitions 9 10 11 (Science Cpt.) 12 (Interdisciplinary Cpt.), J.E.T.S. 10 11 12, NHS10 11 12, Student Council 9 10 11 (Treas.) Track and Field 10 11 Tennis 9 10 11 12

Kenneth Darnell

Elizabeth Dash Choir 9 10 11 12, D.A.R.E. Role Model 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12, Class Council 10 12 (Treas. 12), French Club 11 12 (Sec. 11 V.P. 12), Booster Club 11 12






Cynthia De Lauro

Kyle Domazet

Stacy DuGard *Reflector* 10 11 12 (Business Mngr. 11 12), *Edge* 12, DECA 9 10 11 12 (Chpt. Pres. 11 District 1 Pres. 12 State Officer 12), Track 9

Robert Dumigan






Reshell Fisher

Matthew Fliter Soccer 9 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11 12, NHS 12, Student Council 12, Class Council 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Reflector 10 11 12 (Photo Editor 12)

Mark Forster Soccer 9 10 11 12, Track 9 10 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12

Kimberly Frederick Volleyball 9 10 11 12, Student Council 11 12, Booster Club 11 12, SADD 11 12






Sarah Fry Basketball 9 10 11 12 (Cptn. 12, All Conf. Hon.Men. 12), Volleyball 9 10 11 12 (Academic All Conf.12), Track 9 10 11, NHS 9 11 12, Student Council 12, Booster Club 9 10 11 12, Class Council 11, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12

Melissa Gaddini Student council 10 11 12, Soccer 9 10 11 12 (MI 11), Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11 12 (HMA 11), Class Council 11 12, Booster Club 9 10 11

Michelle Gaddini Soccer 9 10 11 12 (MVP 10 12, 1st Team All Conf. 10 11 12, 2nd Team All Area 10), Track 9 10 11 (MVP 9 10, 2nd Team All Conf.), Student Council 10 11 12

Juliann Gajewski

Benjamin Garland
Nikki Geffert
Kelly Gerdes
Omar Gonzalez Soccer 9 10 11 12 (MI 12), Track 10 11 12, Golf 9, Spanish Club 10 11, Student Council 11 12, Basketball 9, Varsity Club 10 11 12






Mark Govert Baseball 9 10 11 12, (Co-Cpt. 9, BMA 11), Wrestling 9 10 11 12 (Co-Cpt. 12, BMA 9 10 11, Academic All State 12, Semi-State Qualifier 12),
Sarah Govert X- Country 9 10 11 (MI 10, Cpt.. 11), *Panther Press* 11 12 (News Editor 11, Design Editor 12), Quill & Scroll 11 12, Booster Club 10 11 12 (Treas. 11 12), Class Council 10 11,
Abigail Greco Pantherettes 10 11 12 (Historian 12), Booster Club 10, SADD 10, Who's Who 11 12, Presidential Classroom Nominee 11
KaSheena Green Track 10 1112 (All-Conf. Hon. Men. 11 MVP11), Basketball 11, Science Club 9, NHS 9








Seniors **Kelly Mann** and **Jennifer Sims** work out a computer programming problem after school with the help of Barbara Deleget, math. Deleget and other math teachers offered help after school on every day of the week.



Nikki Clarkson

Going in a huddle, senior girls prepare to play power puff football at activities day during homecoming week. Activities Day was started last year when activities night was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Nikki Clarkson



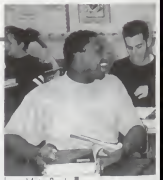
Joshua York, Tom Zeller



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Courtney Shields



Lance White, Brad Sowinski



Jessica Thompson, Daniel Riordan, Veronica Soto



Adam Brownfield, Kathryn Ramsey



Daniel McCoy



Michael Jones

Top 5 Turn Down Lines

1.) I just want to be friends

2.) No Thank You

3.) Go Away

4.) I'm not ready for a relationship

5.) My parents won't let me go out

Survey of 110 seniors



Being creative, senior **Carey Baccino** decorates senior **Jason Lundquist's** locker for his eighteenth birthday. "I knew Jason wasn't thrilled about coming to school on his birthday, "Baccino said. "I figured some race cars and candy in his locker would make it a little more enjoyable."









Justin Grimmer Football 9 10 11 12 (All State, Mr. Football Nominee, Cpt. 12), SADD 9 10 11 12 (Pres. 12, V.P. 11),NHS 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11 12, JETS 11 12

David Gutowsky

Elizabeth Guzman Choir 9 10 11 12, Drama 9 10 11 12 (Make-up 9), Booster Club 12, Track 11, Spanish Club 11

David Haldi









Mandie Hall Bowling Club 9 10 11, Softball 9, Art Club 10, Drama 9 10, Band 9

Shannon Hammers

Sarah Handley

Brandi Harveth Pantherettes 10 11 12 (VP 12, State champs 11, Outstanding Sophomore 10), *Reflector* 10 11 12 (Managing Editor 12, Academics Editor 12, People Editor 11), NHS 10 11 12, Quill & Scroll 10 11 12 (VP 12), Booster Club 10 12, Who's Who 10 11 12

Elisabeth Helfen
Remnant 9 10 11 12, Track 9, Swimming Mngr. 10, Spanish Club 10 11, Art Club 10

Kate Higginbotham
NHS 10 11 12, Drama 9 10 11 12, Band 9 10 11, Spanish Club 10 11 12 (V.P. 12), Student Council 10 11 12, Super Bowl 10 11 12





Steven Homoky Soccer 9 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11 12, Choir 9 10 11 12, Drama 12

Ryan Horn Band 9 10 11 12 (V.P. 11, Pres. 12)





Timmothy Hubbard

Robert Jensen Class Council (Pres. 12), *Panther Press* 11 12 (MV Staffer 11), Student Council 11, SADD 11 12, Bowling Club 12, Quill & Scroll 11 12, Who's Who 11





Jack Johnson Baseball 9 10 11 12 (2nd Team All -Conf. 11), Varsity Club 11 12, Who's Who

Ronnie Johnson





Michael Jones

Efriam Juarez Basketball 9 10 11 12 (All Conference Hon. Men. 11, Cpt. 12, 1st Team Academic All Conf.12, MVP 12, 1st Team All Conf., Academic All State Hon. Men.







Nikki Clarkson

What Guys Don't Understand About Girls



The way they want you to drop everything to be with them.



They say that nothing is bothering them even though there is.

They say it's fine for you to hang out with friends but when you do they get mad.





When they ask you to pick something to do and claim they'll be happy but end up pouting the whole time.

Survey of 102 male seniors



Preparing a small snack, seniors **Stacie Kapciak**, **Tiffany Kender**, and **Kristina Toth** hand out food during French Club's Mardi Gras party. French Club also had a Christmas party during the year that included music, food, and exchanging of gifts.

Demonstrating, **Margie Keithley**, family and consumer science, shows senior **Ryan O'Keefe** and sophomore **Jamie Darnell** how to make designs for sponge painting Keithley's interior decorating classes were able to visit other students' houses to learn more about design.



Matt Fliter



Brandi Harveth



Barbara Delegat, Timothy Thron



Elliott Miller

What Girls Love About Guys

The way they cheer for their favorite sports team

They won't disagree 99% of the time

The way they smile

They let us make all the decisions

They'll apologize 1,000 times



Survey of 99 Senior Girls



Matt Fliter

Chatting, seniors **Kellie Sternberg** and **Angelina Alvarez** take a break during the car wash for cross country. "The first car wash was a success so we decided to have another one," Sternberg said.



Mary Turkowski

Senior **Elizabeth Guzman** practices during for the fall musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. Guzman has participated in the fall musicals since her sophomore year.



Kathleen Vanek, Jack Vanek



Corey Baccino

Jason Kane
Stacie Kapciak Chorale 11 12, Tennis 10 11 12 (M 11, BMA 11), Band 9 10 11 12 (Sec. 11, Drum Major 12), Spanish Club 10 11 12 (Sec. 12), Remnant 9 10 11 12, Drama/ Pit Band 9 10 11 12
Nicolas Kasbohm
Tiffany Kender French Club 11 12, Drama 12, Basketball 12 (Mngr. 11), Student Council 11, SADD 11, Art Club 12






William Kintz
Craig Kovera
Christopher Kronland
Jennifer Laffoon
NHS 10 11 12, Swimming Mngr. 10 11, Drama 12, Pit Band 10 11, Band 9 10, Spanish club 12






Tanya Lenker
Matthew Lewis
Matthew Lira
Miljan Lukajic






Jason Lundquist Choir 10 11 12, Drama 10 11 12, Soccer 9, Track 11, Spanish Club 11, Band 9
Kelly Mann Band 9 10 11 (Treas. 10), Spanish Club 12, Drama 11, Pit Band 11
Lindsey Mantis
Jennifer Marinos






Matthew Miller



Hunter Rogowski, Katie Covert, Ross McMullen



Laura Pinkerton, Stephanie Pinkerton

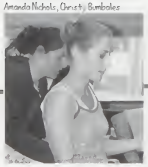


Kelly O'Connor





Adiana Azizan, Summer Granter



Amanda Nichols, Christy Bumbales



GHS Softball Team



Mark Fowler









Kyle Massa Football 9 10, Track 9

Cristen Mattozzi Pantherettes 10 11 12, Choir 9 10 11, Chorale 12, Booster Club 10 11

Nicole Matusz

Adam McCarter









Justin McDonald

Andrea Melendez Volleyball 9 10 11 12 (Cpt.12), Basketball 9 10 11, Softball 9 10 11 12, Student Council 10 11 12, Class Council 10 11 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Booster Club 10 11, Spanish Club 10 11, SADD 10 11 12, Turnabout Court 10, Prom Court 11, Who's Who 11

Elliott Miller

Tracy Miller Student Council 9 10, Choir 9 10 (ISMA 1st Solo 2nd Solo 10, 2nd Solo 9), Art Club 10, Volleyball Mngr.9









Katey Milligan

Daniel Mills

Joshua Moon Soccer 9 10 11 12, Varsity Club 11 12, Quill & Scroll 11 12, *Panther Press* 11 12, SADD 12, Golf 9 10 11 12, Class Council 12

Theresa Nagel DECA 12 (Chpt. Pres.)









Scott Negrete Football9 10 11 12 (MI 10, 2nd Team All Area 11 12, 1st Team All-Conf.12, Co-Cpt. 12, Junior All State 12), Concert Choir 10, Chorale 11 12 (V.P.12),Drama 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Aces 9 10 11 12

Michael Nelleman Baseball 9 10 11, Spanish Club 12, Choir 9 11

Crystal Nelson

Amanda Nichols NHS 10 11 12 (Pres. 12), Fine Arts Super Bowl 9 10 11 12 (Cpt. 11), Choir 9 10, Chorale 11 12, Drama 9 10 11 12, French Club 11 12 (Pres. 12), Band 9 10 11 (V.P. 10, Drum Major 11)



Joshua Swentzel



Nicolas Kasbohm, Jason Alexander, Victor Sendejas, Joshua Moon



Brandon Powell, Mark Ames, William Barriga

Timothy Thirion



Matthew Callender, Jason Alexander



Relaxing during lunch, seniors **Brad Sowinski** and **Timothy Thirion** listen to their friends talk. Sowinski had the chance to have both B and C lunch his senior year. "I liked C lunch better because I only had two more classes after it," Sowinski said.

Seniors **Hannah Zemke**, **Selena Saldana**, **Christopher Peacock** and **Kevin Cap** accept their certificates for best dressed and first runner up for superlatives. Senior class council officers each gave a speech on one of the years of high school during the senior banquet.



Matt Flitter



Nikki Clarkson

Who Is Your Favorite

1) Mark Swanson

2) Bill Platt

3) James Pickett Jr.

Senior Superlatives

Best Personality~ *Carrie Petroski ~William Barriga*
Best Hair~ *Stephanie Beigle~ Brad Sowinski*
Biggest Brown Nose~ *Selena Saldana~ Brett Bierman*
Most Cheerful~ *Stephanie Beigle~ Daniel Riordan*
Best Athlete~ *Kathleen Vanek~ Victor Sendejas*
Most Artistic~ *Amber Price~ Billy Peterson*
Best Dressed~ *Jill Tsitsis~ Christopher Peacock*
Best Smile~ *Veronica Solis~ Joshua Moon*
Cutest Couple~ *Brandi Harveth~ Justin Sidor*
Most Likely to Succeed~ *Selena Saldana~ Paul Dalach*
Most Involved~ *Selena Saldana~ Justin Grimmer*
Funniest~ *Andrea Melendez~ Justin McDonald*
Biggest Partier~ *Carrie Petroski~ Craig Kovera*
Prettiest Eyes~ *Michelle Prewitt~ Michael Tomaszewski*
Moodiest~ *Julie Rutledge~ Nicolas Kasbohm*
Best Body~ *Ashley Wilson~ Matthew Callender*
Most Musical~ *Amanda Nichols~ John Jensen*
Most Gulllible~ *Sarah Handley~ Joshua Swentzel*
Biggest Flirt~ *Lisa Carroll~ Kevin Cap*
Biggest Gossip~ *Kelly Gerdes~ Brett Bierman*





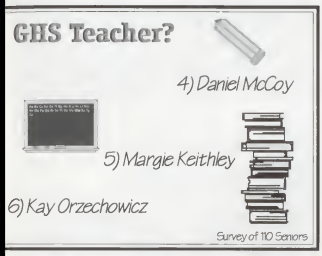


Ryan O'Keefe
Courtney Ostrowski Art Club 10 11(V.P. 11), Track 10





Sara Palmer
Christopher Peacock
Football 10 11 12 (All- Conf.Hon. Men. 12), Track 9 10 11 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, President Classroom Nominee, Who's Who 12, SADD 11 12







Candice Peters *Reflector* 10 11 12 (Editor-in-Chief 12, Student Life Editor 11), *Edge* 12, NHS 11 12, Drama 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12 (Sec. 12), Class Council 10 11 12, Quill & Scroll 11 12, Spanish Club 10, Cheerleading 10

William Petersen



Megan Matusik





Carrie Petroski Softball 9 10 11 12, Soccer 9 10 11 (BMA 9), Varsity Club 10 11 12, Class Council 9 10 11 12 (Sec. 10), Student Council 9 10 11 12 (Pres. 9), Basketball 9, Swimming 10, Spanish Club 10

Richard Piszczek



Practicing their ceremony seniors **Michael Jones**, **Stacey Jones**, **Efriam Juarez**, **Jason Kane**, and **Stacie Kapcak** prepare for graduation. The seniors had their senior day which consisted of a cookout, class picture, and graduation rehearsal all on Wednesday, May 30.

Standing around at the soccer seniors' night, seniors **Lisa Carroll**, **JoAnn Gajewski**, and **Nastasha Cortez** make a fuss over Gajewski's niece. "The most memorable part of senior night was when we all lined up to take the picture with the balloons and we almost started a tug-of-war because they goalie was obusive," Cortez said.

Nicholas Planer Soccer 9 10 11 12 (Cpt. 12), Baseball 10 11, Basketball 9, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Spanish Club 12

Michelle Popovich

Anthony Potesta Baseball 9 10 11 12 (Cpt. 10 12), Football 12, Soccer 10 11, Basketball 9 10, Varsity Club 10 11 12, D.A.R.E. Role Model 12

Jonathan Powell









Lindsey Powers
Pantherettes 11 12, Track 10, Booster Club 9 10 11, Class Council 9 10 11

Michelle Prewitt

Amber Price Diving 9 10 11 12, Art Club 11 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, French Club 11

Julie Purgert NHS 10 11 12, Drama 11 12, French Club 11 12, Volleyball 9 10 (MI 10), Tennis 9, Varsity Club 9 11 12











Nikki Clarkson

Singing at Franklin College senior **Selena Saldana** and junior **Renee Wotkun** of *Panther Press* do karaoke. Saldana served as IHSPA president and organized the state journalism convention.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST CHALLENGING CLASS?



"Mine would probably be pre-calculas because it was hard." **Stacie Kapciak**



"Biology was really hard. It goes by too fast." **Selena Bermudez**



"I would say econ because you have to memorize a lot." **Michelle Popovich**



Lisa Carroll, Amanda Nichols



Jeremy Barte, Donna Witham, Brianna Bieker



Angela Singla, Stacy Wolan, Rieve Chenn

Brett Bierman





Damon Mitchell, Washondia Comer



Corrie Petrocik



Stephanie Reale



Sarah Covert



Corey Riechl

Posing for the slides, seniors **Sarah Blanchard**, **Jennifer Laffoon**, **Stacie Kapcsak**, and **Rachel Thomas** do their stuff at the dress rehearsal for *Bye, Bye, Birdie*. All of the girls played enthusiatic teenagers obsessed with music star Conrad Birdie, played by senior William Barriga.

Fighting for the win, seniors pull hard during tug-o-war on Activities Day. "I like Homecoming week a lot because it is the only time students express school pride," senior **Daniela Scheeringa** said.



Matt Filter

















Deborah Race *Panther Press* 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11 12, Basketball 9 10, X- Country 9

Tyler Radtke

Marie Ritchey Spell Bowl 10 11 12 (Cpt. 12), NHS 11 12, Choir 9 10 11, Spanish Club 10 11 12 (Pres. 12), English Super Bowl 11, Exploratory Teacher 12, Who's Who 10

Bret Rocchietti Football 10 11 12 (All Conf. Hon. Men. 12, Outstanding Offensive Lineman 12, MVP 10 11), Track 9 10 11 12, Wrestling 10, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12

Chris Rousseau Football 11 12

Julie Rutledge Softball 9 10 11 12 (MI 11, Cpt. 12, All-Conf. Hon. Men. 10 11), Volleyball 9 10 11(MI 12, Cpt. 12), *Reflector* 10 11(MVU, Sports Editor 12), Class Council 9 10 12, Wrestling Mng, Varsity Club, Q&S

Selena Saldana *Panther Press* 10 11 12 (Editor-in-Chief 12), NHS 10 11 12 (Treas.11, VP 12), Turnabout Princess, Q&S, Volleyball 9 10 11, ACES 9 10 11 12, Class Council 9 10 11 12 (VP 11 12), Booster Club 9 10 11 12 (Pres. 11, 12), Choir 9 10 11 12 (Pres. 9 10 12, Sec.11), Spell Bowl, Fine Arts

Sara Saltanovitz Swimming 9 10, Track 9 10, X-Country9, Spanish Club 9 10 11 12,Bowling Club 10, Art Club 10 11 12

Shauna Santare
Pantherettes 10 11 12 (Sec. 12), Track 9 10 11 12 (LAC Hon. Men.& 2nd Team, Reg. Qual. 11), Drama 10 11 12, NHS 10 11 12 (Treas. 12), Spell Bowl 11 12 (Cptn. 12), Hoosier Girls' State Delegate

Phillip Schlosberg

William Schmitt Football 12, Track 9 10 11, Art Club 10 11, Who's Who

Daniel Schoon Wrestling 10 11 12 (Co-Cpt. 12), Choir 9 10 11, Chorale 12

Kathryn Schoon Choir 9, Choralettes 10 11,Concert Choir 12,Track & Field 9, Swim Club 9, French Club 9 10, Art Club 10

Jason Schultz

Steven Schultz Bowling Club 10 11 12, J.E.T.S 11 12, Math Super Bowl 11 12 (Cpt. 12), Choir 9 10 11, Chorale 12

Victor Sendejas Soccer9 10 11 12 (JVMVP9, BMA 11, All Conf. 2nd Team 11, MVP 12, Cpt. 12, All Conf.1st Team 12, All Dist. Hon. Men. 12), Track 9 10 11 12 (BMA 9, MI 10, MI 11), Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, *Reflector* 11 12, Quill & Scroll 11 12, Turnabout Court10, Homecoming Court 12

Angela Seratto

Rachel Sferruzza Art Club 10 11 12

Cortney Shropshire

Justin Sidor Soccer 9 10 11 12 (2nd Team All Conf. 11, Cpt.12, 1st Team All Conf. 12, All Area Hon. Men. 12), Track 9, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, SADD 11, Turnabout Court 10

Jennifer Sims Soccer 9 10 11 12 (MI 9, BMA 11 12, JV Co - Cpt. 11), Tennis 10 11 12, Band 9 10 11, Spanish Club 11 12, NHS 12

Michael Sims

Rebecca Smith

Veronica Solis Swimming 9 10 11 12 (MI 9, Cpt. 12), Volleyball 9 10 11 12 (JV BMA 10), Softball 9 10 11, Class Council 10 11 12 (V.P. 10, Sec. 12), NHS 10 11 12, D.A.R.E. Role Model 12, Booster Club 9 10 11


















2001 Senior Class

Motto
~"It takes years to happen but a lifetime to forget."

Flower
~Daffodil

Song
~Link in Park In the End

Colors
~Baby Blue & Yellow

Senior Banquet
Held at ~Scherwood Club
Date ~Monday, May 21, 2001
Menu ~Appetizer~ fruit salad ~Entree~ roast beef, Italian baked chicken, fettuccini alfredo ~Potato~ mashed ~Vegetables~ corn ~Desert~ sherbet



Nikki Clarkson

Practicing hard the varsity cheerleaders form a totem pole. Seniors **Christy Bumbales** and **Ashley Wilson** were named All-Star Cheerleaders at Universal Cheerleading Association cheerleading camp.

Senior **Benjamin Garland** pours flour into a bowl to prepare dough at John's Pizzeria in Griffith. Garland has worked at John's Pizzeria for about 10 months.



Jessica Nieto



Victor Sendejas



Tiffany Kender



William Surriga



Carrie Petraszka, Brad Szmaciu, Joshua Moon, Victor Sendejas, Nicolas Kasbohm



Adam Ryzak, Elizabeth Jones, Patrick McCarney

Kate Hagenbottom





Senior Class Council works on their float for the Homecoming parade. Although the senior class won most events at activities day, the sophomore class won first for the float contest.

Decorating Jim Pickett's room, junior **Erica Garnett** and senior **Aldo Brooks** put together the new curtains. "I was excited that we actually got to decorate," Brooks said.

Carey Hirsh

Seniors Story

Nieto

The class of 2001 had reached the end of their high school days. For some it would mean leaving behind a great part of their lives. They would have to go from being the oldest to the youngest yet again in their lives.

"I'm going to miss high school a lot," senior **Tracy Miller** said. "I have a lot of good memories and I've been going to school with the same people since seventh grade and next year I'm basically going to be thrown into a mass of strangers. I'm excited but at the same time I wish I could just freeze time for just a little while longer."

Other seniors took another point of view and were happy that high school was going to be over and done with. They were excited for the new challenges that were to come.

"For me high school was just fun and games," senior **Carey Baccino** said. "I mean there were a few times I did some work but mostly high school was just a time to socialize."

Although seniors viewed high school in different ways the end was bound to come and now the class of 2001 could prepare for the future.

Not Pictured

Salvador Aguilar
Morgan Bailey
Peter Bathurst
Joseph Bertucci
Daniel Biehl
Dusan Bibjia
Holly Larson
Christine Matlock
Ryan McElmurry
Robert Miller
Ryan Moor
Brian Osika
Michael Pettigrew
Matt Calhoun
Jeremiah Cogdill
Jason Cunningham
Michelle Cutka
Craig Decker
Marlena Gallarzo
Fred Gibson
Amber Piekarczyk
Christina Pierce
Jason Porras
Vincent Repasi
Daniel Riordan
Mario Ruff
Daniela Scheeringa
Christopher Gordon
Jennifer Hernandez
Robert Jabkowski
Valencia Jackson
John Jensen
Imaru Jones
David Scheeringa
David Sexton
Kimberly Tate
Dwica White
Jocelyn Williams
Holly Ziemniak

Cassandra Sotos
Brad Sowinski
Breanne Steagall Student Council 9 10 11 12 (Pres. 12), Class Council 10 11 12 (Pres. 10 11), Volleyball 9 10 11 12 (Cpt. 12, All Conf. Academic Team 12), Track 9 10 11, NHS 9 10 11 12 (Sec. 12), SADD 9 10 11 12 (Hist. 11 12),

Kellie Sternberg *Reflector* 10 11 12 (Academics Editor 11, Student Life Editor 12), *Edge* 12, Track 10 11, X-Country 11 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12, Quill & Scroll 11 12, NHS 12

Adam Stout
Josh Swentzel
Timothy Thirion Soccer 9 10 11 12 (All Dist. Academic 11, All Conference Academic 12), Track 9 10, *Panther Press* 11 12 (Copy Editor 12), NHS 11 12, Quill & Scroll 11 12 (Pres. 12), Academic Super Bowl 11 12

Rachel Thomas Remnant 9 10 11 12, Drama 9 11 12, Band 9 10 11



















Nate Spitz, Bryan Rung



Steven Berger, Chris Gorecki, Kathryn Zubrenich



Carolyne Joseph



Jon Kakos, Villaroman, Cynthia Woerner






Jessica Thompson Concert Band 9 10 11 12, Pep Band 9 10 11 12, Jazz Band 9 10 11 12, Drama 9 10 11 12, Student Council 11 12, Class Council 12
Michael Tomaszeuski Baseball 9 10 11 12 (All-Conf. 1st Team), Varsity Club 9 10 11 12
Kristina Toth Choir 9 10 11, Chorale 12, Bowling Club 9 10 11, French Club 11 12, Art Club 11 12, SADD 12
Kathleen Vanek Volleyball 10 11 12 (MI 10, BMA 11, MVP 12, All Conf.Hon. Men. 11, All Conf.2nd Team, Cpt. 12), Basketball 9 10 11 12 (Cpt. 12., MVP 12, 1st Team All Conf.12, All Area Hon. Men.12), Track 9 10 Softball 12, NHS 10 11 12.






Angel Velez Band 9 10 11 12, Golf 9 10, Drama 10, Track 12
Janis Walenkiewicz Pantherettes 10 11 12 (Pres. 12), Drama 10 11 12 (Lead Role 12), Choir 9 10 11 12, Spell Bowl 11 12, NHS 10 11 12 (Hist. 11)
Amy Walker Art Club 10 11, Spell Bowl 11, Remnant 11, Who's Who 11
David Wesolowski






Malinda Whitaker
Lance White
Crystal Wilcox
Ashley Wilson Cheerleading 10 11 12 (MVP 11, Capt. 11 12, UCA All Star 12), Booster Club 10 1112, Varsity Club 10 11 12, Turnabout Court 10, Homecoming Court 12






James Wiszowaty
Joshua York
Tom Zeller Baseball 9 10 11 12, NHS 11 12, J.E.T.S 11 12, Academic Super Bowl 1, Spell Bowl 12
Hannah Zemke

Kathleen Vanek, Julie Rutledge



Christy Bumbales
Abigail Greco





Megan Popa

Danielle Truebblood, Jonathon Rogowski





Christopher Peacock, William Schmitt, Major Lukacs



Linda Tinsele, Steffen Redar



Robert Jensen, Stephanie Bruegroom



Carolyne Joseph, Rachel Thomas

Michelle Aguilera
Rachel Albright
Laura Anderson
Michelle Ashenbaugh
Andrew Augustyn
Joseph Baccino
Joseph Bakker



Alida Baldazo
Allison Banta
Matthew Baran
Amanda Barlog
Jennifer Berger
Steven Berger
Hillary Bernath



Mallory Bernath
Daniel Bernotus



Steven Beshears
Brianna Bieker



Quinn Bingham
Laura Blahunka



Ryan Blythe
Chris Bogacz



Who's your favorite teacher?



"Mr. Oswalt is my favorite because he's a cool guy and he relates to us."
Sean Carey



"My favorite teacher is Mr. Carstensen because he cares about his students and we learn a lot from him."
Amanda Vessel



"Mr. McCoy because he's really funny and he helps us learn more about our country's history."
Steven Wieniewski



"Miss Keithley is my favorite teacher because she doesn't treat us like we're kids."
Kerri Hill



Megan Matusik

Applying her lipstick, junior **Dawn Gordon** puts on the finishing touches of her makeup for Prom. "It usually takes me about a half an hour to get ready, but for prom, it took me an hour and a half," Gordon said.



Matthew Ehler



Angelina Alvarez, Elizabeth Guzman



Stephanie Kaluz



Stefanie Rozmarski, Daniel Riordan













Alaina Borden
Andrew Borowski
Adam Brownfield
David Bryant
Julie Cadle
Jamie Campbell
Sean Carey













Christina Cavazos
Kevin Cavazos
Edward Cernia
Mitchell Cervantes
Rachel Chandler
Lauren Chappell
Shannon Churitch



Margie Keithley

Junior **Jennifer Berger** talks with elementary students to help out for her adult preparation class. Each group had a different topic to talk to the kids about, like drugs and harassment.



Nikki Clarkson

Juniors **Shannon Churitch** and **Emily Jennings** work together to develop their pictures in photography class. "My favorite part of photography is developing the pictures because it's fun to see how they turned out," Churitch said.

Attending a Spanish Club meeting, juniors **Rachel Albright** and **Kelly Davis** listen to Spanish Club sponsor Irma Coddington. Albright and Davis have been in Spanish Club for one year.

What is Your Favorite Class?



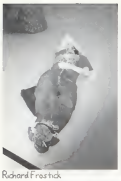


1) History
2) Advanced Physical Conditioning
3) Adult Prep
4) Sociology
5) Lunch
6) Computer Aided Drawing
7) Art

Survey of 103 Juniors



Mary Turkowski



Richard Frostick



Lisa Stalbaum



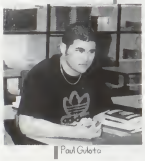
Rachel Sferruzza



Junior guys



Michael Tomaszewski, Kenneth Darnell



Paul Golato

Having a little chat, juniors **Bryan King** and **Veronica Jacobs** walk to their lockers after lunch. The cafetaria wasn't the only place available to eat lunch. Students brought lunches and ate in the brown bag area or the court yard area outside.

Prepping the refreshment table, juniors **Lindsay Govert** and **Paul Worley** get the punch ready. The two were working at the Honor Society induction for the new members that were added on March 22, 2001.



Matt Flitter



Ben Vania

What do juniors watch on TV?

1. The Simpsons
2. Friends
3. 7th Heaven
4. Drew Carey
5. Dawson's Creek
6. Seinfeld

survey of 70 juniors



Matt Flitter

Going over some notes, junior **Robert Hanchar** completes some homework. Many students came to school a little early to ask teachers for help or to put the finishing touches on their homework.

It's great to be a junior because...



"I like all the people in my class. They are cooler than the other classes."
Steven Berger



"I'm almost a senior so I only have one more year left."
Nicole Love



"I feel more responsible because I'm the second oldest in the school."
Eric Vechey



Phillip Castle



Michael McCorney



Brett Berman









Rachelle Chvostal
Brad Ciesco
Quishondia Comer
Jesse Cradduck
Tom Cservenak
Letitia Cullens
Jimmy Cunningham









Jelena Damnjanovic
Nicole Damron
Stephanie Daugherty
Kelly Davis
John DeJesus
Nicholas Demske
Robert Denny









Neil Dimos
Cathy Dimovski
Stephanie Dross
Anthony Eaton
Stephen Eaton
Krysten Fane
Melissa Federenko









Steven Flores
Richard Frostick
Brian Gerenda
Chad Gilmartin
Dustin Gogal
Matthew Gonzalez
Amy Goodson









Dawn Gordon
Lindsay Govert
Heather Green
Claunette Guise
Jessica Gulley
Lacey Hall
Raymond Hall







Daniel Hamill
Robert Hanchar
Matthew Harnew
Daniel Hart
Kelly Hendrickson
Michael Hernandez
Matthew Horn

Steffen Redar

Amanda Vessel

Katie Govert

Brad Taylor



Spanish Club



Mark Forster, Michelle Prevette



Daniel O'Connor, Cathy Dimovski, Lindsey Mantis, Jake Purgert, Jelena Damjanovich



Candice Peters



John Vanden

Danny Hurd
Ahmed Issa
Hayley Itczak
Christopher Jackson
Veronica Jacobs
Emily Jennings



Melanie Johnson
Tiffany Juarez
Thomas Keown
Amber Kepple
Bryan King
Heather Klein



Justin Kobeszka
Eric Kocon
Bartholomew LaBounty
Nathan Laird
Stacey Larson
Jaclyn Leffel



Thomas Leibengood
Mark Lewis
Beth Loudenber
Nikki Love
Adam Lukas
Kristin Lundquist



Carrie Maldonado
Jacob Malone
Kyle Mann
Patrick Markovich
Jeremy Martin
Angela Mazur



Kelly McCabe
Michael McCarney
Frecia McMillon
Thomas Melton
Matthew Mendenhall
Megan Messinio



Daniel Michels
Jonathon Miller
Amanda Mitchell
Christina Musilek
Jessica Newell
Jessica Nieto










Claudia Nuno
Daniel O'Connor
Matthew O'Grady
Emanuel Ohunwu
Neil Oros
Bridget Ostrowski








Kevin Pagin
Brittany Parent
Brittany Paul
Adam Pease
Linda Pena
David Peterson








Douglas Pondo
Megan Popa
Tre Popa
Jill Popovich
Elizabeth Potesta
Blaine Powell








Brandon Powell
Christopher Quintero
Kathryn Ramsey
Philip Ranck
Shannon Ray
Sarah Raybourne








Douglas Reba
David Reed
Kimberly Reyome
John Rios
Julie Ristic
Jonathan Rix








Ginger Rockwell
Anthony Rodriguez
Vanessa Rodriguez
Jonathon Rogowski
Stefanie Roznowski
Kristen Salczynski






Jamie Sanchez
Courtney Schmidt
Kyle Schofield
Mike Serbentas
Kevin Shacklett
Courtney Shebish

Craig Vucich

Vicki Juarez, Katie Sternberg

Julie Rutledge
Connie Petrozzi

Heather Klein

Irma Coddington,
Kate Hagenbotham

Junior Journal



Penciling in answers on her choir final, junior **Courtney Schmidt** tries to concentrate. Choir was one of several classes to be relocated because of the start of construction.

Showing their school spirit, members of the Junior Class Council march in the annual Homecoming Parade. The Junior Class Council's main activity this year was planning prom.



With one more year left, juniors began to think about their future. Colleges, SATs, and picking classes geared toward life after high school are all things juniors must consider.

"I'm taking courses at the Hammond Career Center," junior **Anthony Eaton** said. "I want to be a professional chef so taking these courses will help me get the job I want."

Other students have not yet decided what lies in their future.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do after high school," junior **Nathan Laird** said. "I'd like to go to college, but I'm not sure where I'd get the money for it. So, I have to keep all my options open."

However, Eaton thinks college is a neccessity to be successful.

"I know I'm definitely going to college no matter what. I mean, you've got to go to college; there's no way around it."

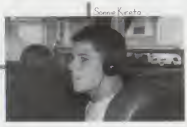
With one year of high school left, college and their future lurks in the mind of almost every junior.

Jessica Sherbit
Marissa Sills
Ashley Smelko
Tilisa Spencer
Christopher Spiegel
Nate Spitz



Nicole Steinbach
Jamie Sutton
Ryan Sutton
Teanna Sutton
Justin Swentzel
Heather Szczesniak




Sonna Kirata


Benjamin Vavro


Kelly Baldazo, Brittany Clark


Justin Echols, Kristin Domsic, Taylor Morton, Carolyne Joseph

Favorite place to go

1) The Mall



2) Home



3) Chicago



4) Zero Gravity



5) Work



6) Eurotan



survey of 97 juniors



Aaron Taylor
Allen Taylor
Alfredo Tellez
Joseph Tharp



Elizabeth Titus
Sarah Tomaszewski
Danielle Trueblood
Craig Van Gorp



Andrew Vance
Judy Vanselow
Tara Vaznonis
Eric Vechey



Amanda Vessell
Danny Vessell
Celina Villarreal
Lea Vogel



Craig Vucich
Brett Wartman
Ben Weatherford
Adam Wilbert
Holly Williams
Tracy Wilson
Steven Wisniewski



Cynthia Woerner
Paul Worley
Renee Wotkun
Vicki Yeager
Brandon Zandstra
Ryan Zolcak
Santos Zurita

Not Pictured:

Barbara Branch, Michael Brinker, Lauren Creighton, Matthew Euber, Erica Garnett, Mike Goodson, Tanya Hunt, Stacey Jones, Karen Kelly, David Chad Kroll, Ryan Kulinski, Steven Motyka, Tim Murdock, Stefan Pahl, Shawn Pewitt, Jessica Raddatz, Meghan Ralich, Joshua Teague, Dale Theil, Matthew Wesley



Tiffany Kender, Jennifer Sims



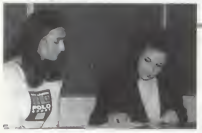
Justin Mcdonald



John Purgert, Amanda Toth, Mary Turkowski



Construction Workers



Breanne Stengall Auto Car



Carla Carrola



Aldo Brooks



Anthony Potesta
Sarah Fry

Ahmad Abdul
Nihaya Abu Ain
Christopher Alexander
Brandon Allen
Tim Argus
Azliana Azizan
Ashley Babbitt









Marla Bagwell
Quince Ballas
Amanda Baran
Steven Bean
Michael Becze
Giovanni Benitez
Shawn Bernicky









Jason Betts
Tabitha Black




Joey Bolsega
Ryan Brady




Kristen Buehler
Tara Bumbales




Jeffrey Burns
Jordan Buzea






"Flying, because then I wouldn't need to drive anywhere."
Steffen Redar



"Osmosis, so I wouldn't have to read another book."
Mickey Sutton



"Telekinesis, so then I could do anything with my mind without getting up."
Elaine Mazalan



"I would want to see into the future so I could know what was going to happen to me."
Marla Bagwell



Nikki Clarke

During activities day, a group of sophomores battle in the tug-of-war competition. They were eventually eliminated from the competition by the junior class.



Brad Sawaski



Lauren Chappell, Brittany Parent, Holly Williams



Teanna Sutton



Brianna Nagy, Kelly O'Connor









Michael Bytnar
Teri Calhoun
James M. Campbell
Michael Carey
Stacey Caron
Jesse Carter IV
Amanda Cervantes









Jacob Christenson
Kevin Chvostal
Christy Clark
Nicole Clarkson
David Collier
Julie Connell
Samantha Conti



Corey Hecht

Showing off her moves, sophomore **Kristin Domsic** leads her group of little girls. Each year the Pantheretts hold a week long Lil' Girls camp where they teach them a dance that is later performed in front of a varsity basketball crowd.



Corey Hecht

Stopping at the table, sophomore **Biljana Damnjanovic** picks up an object on her way back to the finish line to win at activities day. "It was fun because we got to compete against other people and not do schoolwork," Damnjanovic said.

Talking about after school activities, sophomores **Jeromy Glover** and **Amanda Baran** eat their lunches. The couple have been dating since eighth grade

Most stressful day

Monday 84%

Tuesday 8%

Sunday 5%

Wednesday 3%

survey of 177 sophomores







Victor Sendejas



Veronica Jacobs, Allison Banta, Bryan Kng



Renee Wotton



Juliann Gajewski



Ramon Garibay



Mike Frye, Katrina McGrew, Melissa Oliver



Katie Florey

Waiting anxiously, sophomore **Alexandra Solis** gets her hair done before prom. Solis went to Accents salon in Highland for her up-do, the salon was booked the entire day with girls getting their hair done for prom.

Trying to decide on a theme, sophomores **Kristen Buehler**, **Clarissa Farr**, **Emily Gierman** and **Stacey Caron** discuss ideas for turnabout. Sophomore class council was in charge of picking the color, song, theme and crowns for the dance.



Megan Matusik



Corey Hecht

What is your favorite fast food place?



#1 McDonalds

#2 Wendy's

#3 Taco Bell

#4 Subway

#5 Arby's

#6 Pizza Hut



and not McDonalds



Corey Hecht

Paying close attention, sophomores **Jamie Darnell** and **Angelina Hanson** work on a project in ceramics class. "The project was really messy but it was still fun to make," Darnell said.

What is your dream car?



"Lamborghini, because they are fast."
Shawn Bernicky



"Pink Jeep, because nobody has one."
Carolyne Joseph



"Shelby Mustang, because they're exotic."
Joseph Malo



Allison Scurtu



Megan Messina, Kelly Vons



Jason Lundquist, Adam Lukas, Corey Hecht, Jonathan Rix



Elijah Cook
JoAnne Cox
Rachel Cradduck
Jacklin Cruse
Kamarie Cunningham
Biljana Damnjanovic
Shayne Dapshis



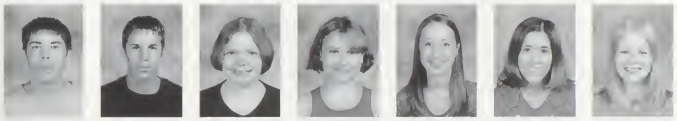
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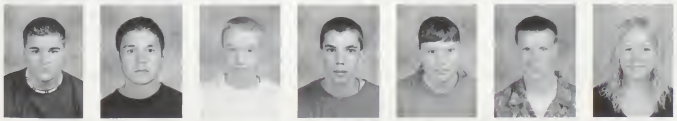
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Krystle Gerenda
Emily Gierman
Nicole Gill
Emily Giltmier



Jeromy Glover
Chris Gorecki
Tom Gorecki
Aaron Govert
Summer Granter
Nicholas Green
Rachel Grimmer



Paul Gulota
Carlo Gurrola
Scott Haldi
Charley Hancock
Angelina Hanson
Corey Hecht
Kerri Hill



Jason Hoefferle
Justin Hopkins
Rochelle Huber
Scott Hudnall
Al'a Issa
Lauren Jajowka
Alicia James


Tom Colombeck


Michael Tomaszewski


Sarah Hawley


Andrew Radusky, Lisa Stalbaum


Elizabeth Dash, Kevin Cop

Dorothia James
Ryan Jansen
Andy Jarmakowicz
Kevin Jerred
Keyna Johnson
Kendell Johnstone
Elizabeth Jones



Carolyne Joseph
Vicki Juarez
Marcin Karbowniczek
Kelly Kearney
Justin Keelen
Nicholas Kemp
Kate Kessel



Kevin Kiel
Thomas Kielbasa
Sonnie Kireta
Stephanie Kolisz
Jeffrey Konopasek
Roy LaBarge
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Raul Larios
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Paul Lewis



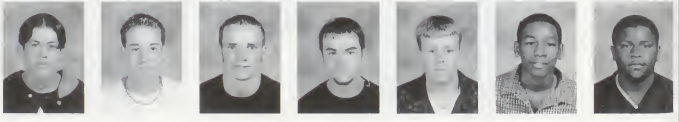
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David Martin III



Michelle Matamoros
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Jennifer Mears
Jon Melendez
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Andrew Mikolajczyk
Brian Miles
Damian Mitchell
Daniel Moore
Joseph Moore
Torian Morgan
Brandon Moss











Rachel Murawski
Ben Murphy
Brianna Nagy
Christen Nash
Kevin Nicholls
Kelly O'Connor
Sonya Ortiz









Kelly Owczarzak
Michael Pachowicz
Matthew Papa
Christina Paris
Danielle Paul
Amanda Pinkerton
Stephanie Pinkerton









Melissa Powell
Andrew Raduski
Lisa Redar
Steffen Redar
Christina Redden
Justen Ricketts
Daniel Riese









Justin Rizzo
Carl Robbins
Cesar Rodriguez
Elena Rodriguez
Adam Ryzak
Christina Saldana
Valerie Saltanovitz









Stacey Scalzitti
Shannon Scheidel
Lesley Schofield
Nathan Schoon
Heather Schultz
Trixie Schuzer
Virginia Scott







Alison Scurtu
Alex Sepulveda
Sean Sexton
Dawn Sferruzza
Eric Sims
Alexandra Solis
Bobby Sosa

Matthew Spencer
Lisa Stalbaum
Stephanie Staples
Kenneth Starkey
Megan Steapleton
Melissa Stevens
Douglas Stone

Rosa Cosme

Candice Peters, Elizabeth Jones

Christee Frautch, Nicole Lavalette

Lindsey Power, Jessica Sherbit

Robert Jensen, Selena Saldana

Sophomore Saga

Kay LaBarge



Being creative, sophomore **Jeffrey Konopasek** puts the finishing touches on his ring in James Graff's jewelery class. The art, choir and band room were the first to relocate due to the construction. They were moved into junior high classrooms and some classes had to share rooms.

Keeping busy, sophomore **Valerie Saltanovitz** sprays the car off with water. The car wash was sponsored by the boy's and girl's x-country teams. Car washes were a popular type of fundraiser for fall and spring sports.

Corey Hecht



Victor Sendejas

Most people tend to think of freshman year as being the year of firsts, but what they don't seem to realize is that a lot of sophomores have first time experiences, too. Sophomores can take a more active role in clubs and sports, take new classes, or even help to plan Turnabout.

"I didn't play varsity sports as a freshman," sophomore **Bradley MacFarlane** said. "But now I play varsity football and basketball and the games are much more exciting."

Sophomores also have the luxury of time. Although graduation is in the future, it's still a little way off. There isn't an immediate pressure to start thinking about colleges or SATs.

"The more knowledge you have, the more you can do in life," sophomore **Daniel Riese** said. "So, I'm taking a lot of computer classes to prepare me for when I get out of high school."

Although sophomores had a lot of new experiences, they still had more to look forward to in the years to come such as deciding what their Prom colors will be and what will be their class motto and song.

Kaylnn Suba
Mickey Sutton
Timothy Swanson







My Favorite thing about being a sophomore is



"Not being pushed around as much and I can push the freshmen around."
-Jeffrey Burns



"Having my license and being able to drive whenever I want to."
-Michael Becze



"Not being the lowest on the ladder and being one step closer to graduation."
-Biljana Damjanovic



Richard Lamendola



Sonne Kuretta



Alfa Tesa, Michael Paul



Jaclyn Gerdes

What CDs Do Most Sophomores Own

Nelly

Linkin Park

Limp Bizkit

N'Sync

Shaggy

Dave Matthews

Dream

Incubus

Ludacris

Deftones

Survey of 115 GHS sophomores





Michael Swart
Brad Taylor
Shannon Thiel





Amanda Toth
Justin Tristin
Darrick Tucker





Mary Turkowski
Christopher Ullrich
Ben Vallefuoco





Matthew Vanek
Ethan Victory
Robert Wagman









Lindsey Watts
Cliff Wilson
Robert Wimberly
Zachary Withers
Kyle Wolfe
Nicole Zakrzewski
Kathryn Zubrenic



Corey Hecht

Not Pictured

Bryan Austin	Shawn Gilge	Michael Miller
Steve Baker	Matthew Griffiths	Jenifer Santana
Eddie Barlow	Michele Hall	Nicole Strauss
Ashley Crook	Jeremy Humble	Jorrell Strawder
Marques Culver	Isaiah James	Jimmy Watts
Anthony Dobrowolski	Danielle Marino	Ashley Willfond
Shandra Foster	Xavier Martinez	Sidney Wynn

Taking a rest, sophomores **Christy Oark** and **Kelly Owczarzak** get ready to jump off the cabinet. The two were part of Margie Keithley's interior decorating class and both participated in redecorating Jim Pickett's classroom.

Jill Popovich, Kelly Owczarzak





William Barriga

Junior Girls





Jon Melendez, Emily Cierman


Christy Clark, Katie Florey


Sam Zeller


Mallory Bernath, Noah Zemke


Daniel Riordan, Stefanie Rozmarek, Katie Higginbotham

Katie Abascal
Khalil Abu Ain
Ashley Adams
Queen Adams
Sofia Aguilar
Rachael Albrecht
Gary Alvarez



Amanda Anderson
Magen Anderson
Eric Arcella
Zachary Artz
Robert Augustyn
Christopher Baccino
Kelly Baldazo



Julianne Balzer
Jessica Banke



Heather Banks
Benjamin Bartley



Bradley J. Beigle
Crystal Bermudez



Amanda Bernicky
Brenda Bernotus



WHAT WAS THE HARDEST THING TO GET USED TO IN HIGH SCHOOL?



"Lunch, it was hard adjusting to the crowd in the cafeteria, and all the really long lines."
Hilman Lozano



"Lunch was realy hard to get used to because it wasn't easy finding somewhere to sit at first."
Taylor Morton



"It was hard because there were so many different grades in each class and that was a big change."
Mathew Denny



"My advanced classes were really hard to get used to because there were older people in them."
Alisha Staes



Amanda Laurencell, Crystal Nelson



Marla Bagwell, Crystal Cerenda



Lacey Hall, Craig Kovera



Ryan Zolcak









Ashley Blanchard
Danny Blount
Tarin Blythe
Christina Boncela
Amanda Borders
Mark Bowron
Joshua Bridegroom









Patrick Broderick
Christopher Brown
Charity Bryan
Christine Bytnar
Michael Cahill
Nicholas Campbell
Aaron Cavazos



Nikki Clarkson

Pulling hard on the rope, freshman girls fall to the ground with laughter during the tug of war competitions for activities day. The freshmen took last in tug of war and also received fourth place as a class.



Ben Vania

Freshman **Heather Banks** finishes up a test in her freshman English class taught by Lisa Megquier. Banks was taking the test over *Romeo and Juliet*. "It was easier to understand than any other story. That is why I liked it," Banks said.

Freshmen **Anna Kowalski** and **Nicole Kettwig** converse during "C" lunch. "Lunch wasn't that scary the first day," Kettwig said. "We all made a plan of where we were going to sit. We just had to make sure we could all get there."

FRESHMAN TOP FIVE FAVORITE STORES

1. AMERICAN EAGLE
2. ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH
3. EXPRESS
4. GAP
5. AEROPOSTALE

SURVEY OF 100 FRESHMEN



Ben Vania



Alda Brooks


Mike Goodson


Daniel Biehl


Matthew Mendenhall


Angel Velez


Kerri Hill


Philip Ranck


Matt Calhoun


Bartholomew LaBounty, Daniel Riordan

Searching for the right pair of jeans, freshman **Lauren Wilbert** shops at Pacific Sunwear at Southlake Mall on a school night. "I was shopping because there was a sale and I had money to spend," Wilbert said.

Keeping an eye on her two cakes that were made into a bunny cake, freshman **Allison Plesniak** checks to see if it's done. "It was the first time some of the kids ever had eaten home made frosting," Andrea McMullin, family and consumer sciences, said.


Candice Peters


Ben Vania

What's your favorite movie released this year?

1. Save the Last Dance
2. Coyote Ugly
3. Bring it On
4. Road Trip
5. Meet the Parents
6. Gone in 60 seconds
7. Hannibal
8. Castaway
9. Charlie's Angels
10. Scary Movie

- Survey of 100 freshmen

What's your favorite weekend activity?


"Going to the mall with my friends."
Chrissy Szymczak


"Relaxing and just hanging out with my family and with my friends."
Emily Stemberg


"Going dancing at the Realm."
Brenda Bernotus


Corey Hecht

Coloring in skeletons for Spanish, freshmen **Anna Kowalski** and **Stacey Wolan** make decorations to celebrate the Spanish Halloween Day of the Dead. "The funnest thing we did in Spanish was we made Valentine Day cards in Spanish. It was funny watching people read them," Wolan said.









Rachelle Chandler
Elisa Chavez
Tim Cheesebrough
Rieve Chievrue
Nicholas Choate
Brittany Clark
Lauren Convery









Jennifer Covington
Tommy Cunningham
Rachael Dapshis
Jenifer Davila
Tim Delauro
Matthew Denny
Patricia Dergo









Sean Dobis
Tommy Doppler
Jason Dorin
Nicole Drechney
Richard Drechney
Trisha Duran
James Dye









Tracy Dye
Justin Echols
Jose Escobedo
Emily Etheridge
Samantha Federenko
David Ferguson
Eric Fitzgerald









Justin Fogarty
Stephen Fry
Melonie Fuoss
Adrian Gallo
Amanda Gillispie
Kelly Gilmartin
Jason Glanowski







Andrew Goldasich
Laura Gonzales
Trisha Gordon
Katie Govert
Trista Guerra
Tina Guvo
Mark Hamilton

Jennifer Hancock
Curtis Harding
Nikkeya Harrell
Keenan Hecht
Stephen Helfen
Andrae Hernandez
Jon Hernandez

William Hernandez
Douglas Hess
Abigail Hinchy
Kristi Hoese
Christina Hoffman
Toni Holbrook
Jessica Holloway



Kimberly Keyome



Precia McMillion



Douglas Reba



Jill Popovich, Lacey Hall

Jesse Homoky
Ashley Hooper
Terri Houldieson
Donnie Ispas
Justin Jaracz
Derek Johnson
Malcolm Johnson



Amber Kasbohm
Allison Kayden
James Kearney
Eric Keller
Nicole Kettwig
Kaleigh Kistler
Nicholas Kitner



Thomas Knoerzer
Jacquelyn Kobeska
Anna Kowalski
Jennifer Ladendorf
Robert Lafayette
Jeremy LeCounte
Tiffany Lindsay



James Linvill
Antonio Logan
Jimmy Long
Anthony Lopez
Hilman Lozano
Justin Lynn
Jennifer Mackey



Bennie Maddox
Katie Majstoric
Hayley Mantis
Robert Matamoros
Megan Matusik
Natalie Mazur
Cory McCarter



Joshua McFadden
William McMullin
Michelle McNerlin
Christina Menchaca
Melissa Miecznikowski
David Milanec
Douglas Mills



Courtney Morgan
Taylor Morton
Zach Najar
Melissa Oceguera
Amy Oltmanns
Holly Oros
Michael Paul











Maigen Pawlowski
Jennifer Perez
Mark Peterson
Brandon Pewitt
Laura Pinkerton
Sarah Planer
Allison Plesniak









Brian Prewitt
Shawn Ramsey
Ashley Rawdon
Lauren Reitz
Danny Rhoten
Hunter Rogowski
Xavier Rucker









Michael Rutledge
Martyna Rybacki
Carly Salczynski
Joey Satkus
Calvin Schaller
Nicole Scharnke
Jack Scheeringa









Mark Scheffel
Ethan Schreiber
John Schultz
Rebecca Sell
Belinda Sendejas
Richard Silva
Julie Sims









Angela Smigla
Andrew Sosa
Eric Stadnik
Alisha Staes
Colin Stage
Sarah Steinhubel
Emily Sternberg







Becky Stevens
Jessica Stevens
Mike Stewert
Charles Stipes
Richie Studniarz
Rachael Surowiec
Brad Szczesniak

Crissy Szymczak
Sarah Teague
Dail Theil
Kristopher Tica
Eric A. Todd
Alexander Tsirtsis
Sophia D. Tucker

Freshmen Fable

Emily German



Freshmen girls hurry to get through each other's legs in the human tunnel competition during activities day. The human tunnel was a new event added to the day's activities. The freshmen fell short of the win, the sophomores took first in that event.

Holding their letters high, freshman girls walk along in the Homecoming parade. Every grade had to have a float and a banner to go along with the theme "The Impossible Dream."

Nikki Clarkson



Victor Sendejas

The class of 2004 was thrown in a stampede of changes. A change of faces, a change of teachers, and a change of scenery were all part of the joys of being a freshmen. Adjusting to these changes alone were hard enough, but to some of the freshmen it seemed as though every year along the way has been a change for them.

"Every year we had to adjust to a different way," freshman **Tarin Blythe** said. "It was confusing converting from junior high to middle school and then to high school."

The freshmen had been the first grade to experiment with the old junior high converting to a middle school. Which included much more group activities, field trips and competitions then in previous years.

"We played a lot of fun games in middle school but it wasn't that hard getting used to high school," freshman **Carly Salczyniski** To some freshmen changing grades was not that big of a deal.

"It was not that hard," freshman **Taylor Morton**, "It was just weird because we were back to being to youngest."

Matthew P. Vaclavik
Matthew Valois
Cristina Valtierra
Benjamin Vania
Jamie Vaughan







THE TOP 5 SONGS OF THE YEAR

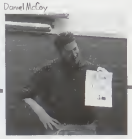
1. KC and Jo Jo "Crazy"
2. Limp Bizkit "Rollin"
3. Outkast "Ms. Jackson"
4. Destiny's Child "Survivor"
5. Nelly "Country Grammar"

Survey of 100 freshman

Timothy Theron, Nicholas Planer, Michael Tomaszewski, Anthony Potesta



Daniel McKay



Pantherettes



Justin McDonald



WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A FRESHMEN?



"You are able to meet more people."
Jenifer Hancock

"You get to do a lot more stuff because you are in high school and not the middle school."
Jacquelyn Kobeszka





"The classes are a lot easier this year."
Nicholas Kitner







Luis Villarreal
Lawrence Walsh
Eric Walters







Michelle Wasrtler
DaShawn Wahington
Ryan M. Webb







Carly Westfall
Lauren Wilbert
Suzy Wilczynski







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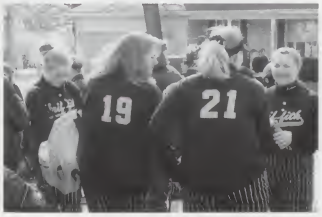








Catherine Woerner
Stacey Wolan
Allie Woloszyn
Meghan Wright
Noah Zemke
Anna Marie Ziemniak
Valerie Zivich



Not Pictured:

Donald Akins
Charles L. Britton
Toreyl Burns
Samantha Drach
Andrew Espinoza
Asia Fisher
Virginia Green
Aaron Greer
Enrique Herrera
Brandon Jastrzebski
Jarrod Jones
Jose Medina
Pete Pena
Aaron Ricks
Michael Sipos
William Vogel
Callie Wimberly
Michael Zembrowski

Waiting for their game to start freshman softball players talk amongst themselves. All of the home softball games were held at the Franklin field.

Cheerleaders



William Barrigo, Nicholas Choate



Mary Turkowski, Mike Purgert



Tom Zeller

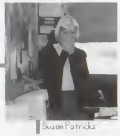




Jake Conrad



Carolyn Brown, Candice Peters, Lisa Keene



Susan Patricks



Lawrene Hawthorne



Megan Matucki, Melissa Oliver

Conversing at the senior banquet **Mr. Johnson**, **Russ Roethe**, **Luann Morgan**, **Tracy McCoy**, and **Daniel McCoy** recall memories with each other. "I enjoyed the banquet because it was one of the last events I got to see all the seniors I've coached through the years," Roethe said.

What Did You Want To Be When You Were Younger?



"I promised my third grade teacher I would be a math teacher. Ever since then that is what I wanted to be." **Darell Carstereen**

"When I was in high school I wanted to be a stock broker like my father." **Luann Morgan**





"I never really knew what I wanted to be. I just knew I wanted to go to college." **Bill Platt**





Making the tallies **Jane Michaels** and **Bojena Rybacki** mark how many full lunches were bought during that lunch period. There were a couple of different shifts for the workers. Some came in at 7:30 a.m. and others at 10:00 a.m. and stayed until 2:00 p.m.

Tom Golmbeck, Linda Eusebe, Bryan Jennings



Tracy Wall



Jim Groff



Margie Kettley





Teaching 101

Jessica Nieto

The school year saw many new faces amongst the faculty at GHS, but the long time faculty members were not forgotten. Instead many were looked upon for advice.

"I observe teachers such as Mr. Graff, Mrs. Ashton, and Mrs. Keithley when they do projects," **Aimee Sherwood** said. "I relate what they do and their classroom management, and I incorporate these things into my classes."

It goes both ways as some teachers who have been here longer look upon the new faculty for different approaches to teaching. **Daniel McCoy**, history, often observes the new teachers to get ideas for his classes.

"My teaching is different from others but I don't think that is a bad thing for any of the staff. We can often share ideas and help each other out," McCoy said.

As the years go by students, faculty, and teaching approaches may change. **Teresa Carstensen** offers a little advice on how to handle the shift of things.

"Learn to enjoy the students and staff as individuals and everything will be okay," Carstensen said.



School Board and Central Office Administration
Front Row: Mike Dobosz, Sara Cundiff, Rose Alexander, Tom Schatzman **Back Row:** Dan Govert, John Galambos, William Gall, James Reyome, Richard Anderson



Handling the projects with care, Aimee Sherwood, art, unloads the kiln. Sherwood's ceramics classes moved to Nancy Ashton's, art, room in the beginning of March and shared it for the remainder of the year because of the construction.



Nancy Ashton
Art



Kim Beach
Special Education



Sandra M. Beahm
Science



Diana Bowman
Guidance



Carolyn Brown
Journalism



Lisa Bubala
Biology



Darryl Carstensen
Math



Teresa Carstensen
Math



Irma Coddington
Foreign Language



Julie Conrad
Science



Anita Cox
Social Studies



Martha Davis
Biology



Barbara Deleget
Math



Michelle Duffala
Business



Linda L. Einsele
Principal



Timothy Foss
Computers



Jack Gabor
Health/APC



Tom Golumbeck
Guidance



James M. Graff
Art



Robert Hastings
Social Studies



Lawrence Hawthorne
Media Specialist



Jean Herd
Library Asst.



Sheree Kayden
Attendance Secratary



Margie Keithley
Fam&Con Sciences



Kathy Keller
Guidance



Jane Kohanyi-Villaroman
Chemistry



Andrea McMullin
Fam&Con Sciences



Luann Morgan
Social Science



Lisa Mcguier
English



Catherine Medenhall
Secretary



Cory P. Moyer
Band



Kay Orzechowicz
English



Russ Radtke
Advanced PE



Eric Schilling
Math



Cynthia Spejewski
Choral Music



Amiee Sherwood
Art



David Smith
Guidance



Judy Surovek
English



Mark Swanson
History



Theresa Swetky
English

Nancy Tilka
French

Kim Vessell
Athletics Secratary

Not Pictured:

Jim Anderson
Athletics

Melissa Culver
Health

Brian Jennings
English

Nikki Mikiusak
Nurse

Bill Platt
Math

Sheila Vaciavik
English

Ken Becknell
Assistant Principal

Ed Hanko
Math

Bernice Koby
P.E.

Andrew Oswalt
ITE

Sharon Sanelli
Assistant Principal

Don Whittemore
Science

Ruth Carmichael
Science

Lynn Heller
Guidance

Jeff Kubaszyk
Assistant Principal

Susan V. Patricks
English

Mary Solis
Suspension

Marilyn A. Young
English

Rosie Cosme
Spanish

Thom Howell
Business

Daniel R. McCoy
History/Sociology

James Pickett
Gvn./Econ.

Jereda Snyder
Special Education

Faculty Superlatives

Most Creative ~ Margie Keithley

Most Helpful~ Kim Vessell

Most Energetic~ Sandra M. Beahm

Best Dressed~ Margie Keithley

Most Liked Among Staff~ Robert Hastings

Most Likely to have an Early Retirement~ Mark Swanson

Hardest Worker ~ Ruth Carmicheal

Friendliest~ Kay Orzechowicz

Funniest~ Daniel McCoy

Best Smile ~ Eric Schilling

Survey of 30 GHS Faculty Members



Taking times **Eric Shilling**, math, listens to sophomore **Timothy Swanson** and junior **Tom Cservenak**. This was Schilling's first year coaching cross country, he took over for Tim Powers.





Lawrence Hawthorne, Karen Cavazos, Theresa Swetky

Theresa Swetky



Ruth Carmichael



Andrea McMullin







Patrolling the cafeteria **Brian Jennings**, English, and **Sharon Sanelli**, assistant principal keep a look out during "C" lunch. Sanelli joined the GHS faculty on October 25.

After a cross country meet **Irma Coddington**, spanish, congratulates senior **Angelina Alvarez** "I like to support my students because I know that they work hard and I want to acknowledge them," Coddington said.

Jane Kahanyn-Villaroman



Judy Sorovek



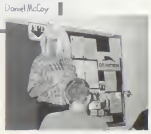
Carolyn Brown, Nathan Schoon



Tamara Czechanskyj, Kim Rockwell



Daniel McCoy





Going over the prices of the roses, senior **Breanne Steagall** leads a meeting for Student Council. Student Council collected $157 from the fundraiser. Many clubs turned to fundraisers in order to raise the money they needed for various activities they sponsored.

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mixing in the dough

The more students worked, the more they became involved in their community. A simple lesson in economics: the more you have the more you spend. Most students who worked through their high school years have enjoyed **mixing** responsibility with making money. Most students spent their hard earned bucks at places in the area, Burger King for food, Aeropostale and Kohls for clothes, Showplace 16 and Great America for entertainment, and also Circuit City and Best Buy for electronics. These businesses **in** return supported Griffith students not only by employing them, but also by supporting their extracurricular activities and sports. Several business purchased advertising space from **the** three publications here at GHS. Others, supported sports teams by advertising in their programs and on calenders. Businesses downtown let GHS students paint their windows for homecoming and state competitions. Other businesses supported clubs like DECA; Hooters donated a buffalo wings party for the class that raised the most money in the penny wars fundraiser. No matter how much **dough** they handed out, or what they donated or contributed to, the business community definitely did its part to make the year better for students.

---by stacy dugard





Left: Writing out a Sweet-O-Gram, senior **Elizabeth Dash** works on it during her sociology class. DECA has sold the Sweet-O-Grams for Sweetest Day each year for a quarter each. The club used the money to pay for their district competition.

Below: Shopping for a good buy, freshmen **Rachelle Chandler** and **Lauren Wilbert** look at some clothes at Pacific Sunwear. Many students spent their money at Southlake Mall.



Senior **Steven Schulz** buys a Mountain Dew during his lunch period in the brown bag area. The Pepsi man came on a regular basis to keep the machines stocked for lunches and athletic. Students gather in the journalism room to pick up their yearbooks. The yearbooks sells autograph sheets at the end of each year to raise money. Getting her hair done, senior **Kathryn Schoon** prepares for prom. Accents was the busiest hair salon for girls on the day of prom. Junior **Brandon Zandstra** buys a fruit work drink from **Irma Solis**, lunchroom attendant. The cafeteria offered many different foods, ranging from chips to hot lunches. Reading over an announcement in the hallway, sophomore **Kamarie Cunningham** reads up on a club flyer about an upcoming meeting. Many classes and organizations used signs in the hallway to tell the student body about upcoming events.

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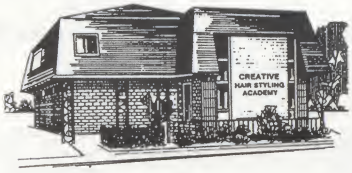
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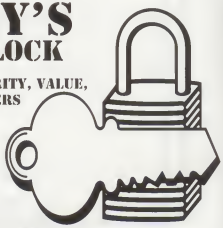
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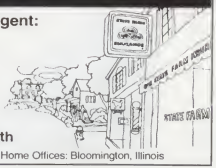
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Mom and Dad



Sarah Govert

AUNTIE SARAH,
YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST, SMARTEST, AND GREATEST AUNT ANYONE COULD WISH FOR.
WE LOVE THE TIME WE GET TO SPEND WITH YOU AND WILL MISS YOU WHILE YOU'RE AT COLLEGE.
REMEMBER TO COME HOME AND SEE US ONCE IN A WHILE.
GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN AT SCHOOL.
WE LOVE YOU.
XOXOXO
JEREMY AND CAMERON



Nicholas Planer

We are proud of the fine young man you've become. You are a very special son and brother. You have brought us so much joy and laughter. We will miss watching #26 on the soccer field, but the greatest memories will last forever. We wish you the best in whatever the future holds for you. We know you will be successful. Remember we will always be here for you.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, and Sarah



Josh Moon

Dear Josh,
I am sure going to miss having you teach me all the cool stuff like sticking my tongue out at people and burping. I wanna grow up to be just like you. You're the best! I miss you already.

Love,
your brother



Crystal Nelson

Crystal,
Congratulations! You have made us proud. May you reach all of your goals. Remember, we will always be here for you!

We Love You!
Mom, Dad, Tommy, Tony, & Kayla



Selena Saldana

Selena,
Thanks for being such a great sister. You're the coolest! Congratulations with everything you've done and I'm very proud of you. Good Luck at college and have fun becoming a top news anchor for ABC, because I know you can do it. Luv Ya!

Love,
Christina



Kate Higginbotham

It has been a joy to watch you grow from a sweet baby, to a curious toddler to an engaging child, into a graceful young adult. Annie and I are so proud of you. Your dad would have been overjoyed to see his "princess" now. We have every confidence in you that you will accomplish everything you set out to do; you have never done anything less.

All our love,
Mom and Annie



Justin Sidor

Dear Justin,
Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday you were going to kindergarten. Now you're starting college. We want you to know how proud we are of you. Thanks for all the wonderful memories you've given us, especially on the soccer field. We know that you'll succeed in anything you do. Remember, we will always be here for you. We'll miss you son; don't forget to call.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jack Johnson

Jack Ryan,
CONGRATULATIONS! We are so proud of you! It's been fun watching you grow into a fine young man. You have given us so many great memories and a lot of laughs! We believe in you and we know that you will succeed in whatever you decide to do. Thankyou. We love you and will always be there for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Laura



Sarah Fry

Sarah,
We're very proud of you. All of your hard work and commitments have been worthwhile. You have grown into an intelligent, responsible, mature young lady. We wish you the best as you continue on with your life.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Stephen



Robert Jensen



Your years at GHS have certainly been exciting for all concerned. As the Senior Class President and part of the "GHS 12", you leave a legacy and big shoes to fill should anyone choose to take the same path. Stay focused and you can achieve anything you desire.

Love, Dad, Mom, & Karen

Jason Schultz



Jason,
The day you were born, I never thought you would bring so much happiness. Your evening entertainment (Urkel) always made us laugh. I see great and wonderful things in your future and know you will achieve them. God gave you to me for a reason, and now I give you to the world. Our home will be quiet next year, but our memories will keep us company while you are at I.U. Our pride and love is in you.

Love, Mom and Bob

Kimberly Frederick



Kimmy-
Over the years we have watched you become the beautiful and kind person you are today. Even though you are the baby, you always find ways to take care of us. We couldn't ask for a sweeter daughter or nicer sister. But, no matter how much time goes by, one thing will never change. You will always be our baby.
We love you.
Congratulations.

Love, Mom, Dad, Wendy, and, Kristy

Brad Sowinski



Dear Brad,
Congratulations! You have made us so proud. We wish you nothing but the best. May your future be filled with much success and happiness. Know that we will always be there to support and help you. We love you very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brian

Jason Alexander



GG,
We love you anyway!!!
Love,
Toni and Sue

Tom Zeller



Tom,
Seems like yesterday I was walking you to kindergarden. Where has the time gone? Having you for a son has been the best part of our lives. You've become a fine young man with such a bright future ahead. We're so proud of all your accomplishments and hope you continue to work at college. May your life be filled with good health, happiness and success.

Love always,
Mom & Dad
Hail Purdue!

Bret Rochietti



Bret,
Since the day you were born, you've been a blessing and a joy. Your smile is a priceless gift worth more than you know. You and your friends have filled our home with laughter and our hearts with memories. Remember the lessons you've learned and follow your heart... it knows the way. Our love goes with you wherever you are.

Love you Bert!
Mom, Dad, Matt, Grandma and Papa

Jason Alexander



Jason,
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You have brought laughter, friends, and memories into our lives. Now it is time for you to go out and choose your own path. You will make the right choices. Make all your hopes and dreams come true.

We love and support you,
Mom, Dad, Kyle, Chris

Julianne Gajewski

A little girl on the phone
now we look and you're all grown.
So many years have gone by fast,
11 years of soccer was really a blast!
Turnabout, Prom, and Homecoming courts,
SAT's and grades of course.
All of your accomplishments are hard to list
You started college early just like your sis,
And planning to be a pharmacist
Purdue isn't far, so your brother can fix your car
May your Dreams Come True, and
WE LOVE YOU!

Dad, Mom, Jennifer,
and Adam



Christy Bumbales

Good luck Christy. We love you, and wish only the best for you.

Love,
Mom and Tara



Alison Bridegroom

Dear Alison,
We are so proud of you, and so blessed to have such a beautiful young woman as our daughter. You bring so much sunshine into our lives every day with your loving, giving, caring heart and beautiful smile. We wish you the best of everything as you begin the next stage of your life. Know that we will always be there for you, and will pray daily for God's guidance in your life.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Eric, & Josh

Phillip Cadle

Congratulations on a job well done, you have finished strong. You have accomplished much. More challenges now wait for you ahead. Continue to stand strong for all that is right and good. Strive to be a humble, compassionate, patient, and faithful man.
Remember that success comes not from accumulating wealth, power, or fame, but rather from knowing and obeying God.

Love
Dad & Mom



Julianne Gajewski

"Doe, Doe, Doe Auntie Ju-Ju"
We're really proud of you &
we are going to miss you...
MOSTEST!
Good luck at Purdue!
Love Always,
Brian, Jenny, & Madelyne Tomson



Billy Barriga

Billy,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you! From the day you were born, you have brought so many smiles and tears of joy into our lives. We are thankful you have blessed our lives and love seeing you grow to be such a wonderful gentleman.

We love you,
Mom, Suzy, and Chrissy



Amber Price

To our Miracle Baby,
You are such a gift! Now it's time for you to share with the rest of the world. Stay true to yourself and you will accomplish great things. We are proud - We are always here - But most of all we love you!

Mom, Dad
& Joshua



Greg Bowers

Greg,
From the day you were born you have been our greatest joy. We are so proud of you. We wish for you all that is wonderful and good.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Omar E. Gonzalez



It seems like only yesterday you came into our world and now you're ready to go out into it on your own. You are a great son, you have given us some wonderful memories and have made us so very proud. We're certain you can accomplish anything you want to. We wish you health, happiness and success. Make the best of all your opportunities and remember we will always be there for you.

All our love Mom, Dad, Josh, and Jordan

Courtney Ostrowski



Courtney,
It seems like only yesterday you were our little girl. We've watched you grow into a beautiful young woman. You have been through some tough times, but always kept a smile on your face. We are very proud of you, and wish you success and the very best that life has to offer. Be true to yourself and you will always find happiness....follow those dreams!

Love you,
Mom, Dad, Shannon
and Bridget

Michael J. Tomaszewski



Congratulations Michael! We are so proud of the young man that you became. We pray that all of your dreams will come true. Good luck in college, with baseball, and in life! We'll always be here for you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, & Courtney

Lisa Carroll



To our pretty princess Lisa
We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments.
It seems only yesterday that Dad and I brought you home from the hospital and now Dad is helping you get ready for the next stage of your life.
We wish you all the success and happiness that the future has in store for you.
Always remember you are loved and you will always be our baby and pretty princess.

Love, Dad, Mom, and Bill

Sarah Handley



Dear Sarah,
We are very proud of you. We know you are going to do well at Ball State and you are going to be a wonderful teacher, but we are going to miss you horribly. The house will be so empty and quiet without you and your friends. You have been such a joy to us. Work hard to make all your dreams come true. Always be true to yourself.

Love, your Mom and Dad

Josh Moon



As each season passed us
one by one
I'd fill my days of memories
along side my son
Ferris wheels, sandbox, a
bat and ball
Our lives were happy, we
had it all.
Days would pass as
would the years

senior year has come
as I hide my tears
I miss the boy sitting
on my lap
but feel so proud of the man
in the gown and cap.
Josh, they say you're lucky
to have a childhood filled with fun
but it is you who have filled me.
I am the lucky one.
I love you,
Mom

Nicolas Kasbohm



We miss the wonderful times you've given us as a child, but we're so proud of the man you have become. Thank you for the warmth and intelligence you bring to our family. With so many exciting moments ahead..... always keep your sense of humor, a positive outlook, your self-confidence and integrity. You've got what it takes son, and you have our support in whatever paths in life you choose!

Love, Mom, Dad, Amber
Patrick and Laurie

Lindsey Powers



From our little Pantherette fan to one of the Pantherette State Champs, we have watched you grow into a beautiful person. We will miss watching you from the stands, as one chapter ends and another begins. We wish you happiness, success and that all your dreams come true. Thank you for all the memories. We look forward to the new ones to come and always remember, "There's no place like home".

Love
Mom, Dad and Adrienne

Michelle Prewitt



Dear Michelle,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Now it's time to follow your dreams. May you find in your future love, happiness and success. Have a happy heart and enjoy life. Always remember we love you and will be cheering for you all the way!
Love you,
Mom, Dad, and Brian

Janis Walenkiewicz



When you were born, you were our little ray of sunshine and as you've grown, the light inside of you has always made the time you're around just a little more special- you're so full of life and love, it just radiates from you. You sparkled in "Bye Bye Birdie" and showed your love of Bob Fosse's choreography in "Sweet Charity". We will always love you.
P.S. Don't ever let this world put your light out.

Brett Bierman



As you prepare for the challenges that lie ahead, words cannot express the joy we have had sharing in your accomplishments and watching you grow into a fine young man. Do not ever stop reaching for your dreams. We are so very proud to call you our son.
Love, Mom, Dad and Trent

Kelly Gerdes



Kelly,
It seems like only yesterday that we sent you off to your first day of school. The years have flown by too fast. We are so proud of you. Keep up your positive attitude and determination and you will go far.
We love you!
Mom & Dad

Stephanie Bridegroom

Steff,
Follow your dreams, don't be discouraged, you can accomplish anything you wish to. We are all very proud of you and wish you all the best in your life. Remember to believe in yourself, we believe in you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Bobby

Ken Bellamy



From tree forts, backhoes, airplanes, cars, & wrestling to graduation. May your choices in life remain with such zeal & success with pride,
Love, Mom, Dad, & Family

Justin McDonald



Words cannot express how proud I am to be your dad. You have enriched my life in more ways than you can know.
Congratulations Justin, the future is yours!
Love you,
Dad, Janet, Ashley, Brice, Rhalina, Brandon, and Bart.
Congratulations from Griffith Class of 1943!
Love You, Grandma and Grandpa.
Live Long and Prosper! L.O.L

Candice Peters



17 years have gone by so quickly. It seems like yesterday when we brought you home for the first time. I'm very proud of you for all of your great accomplishments. I'll miss you very much when you go off to college. Just remember when you're gone, I'll always be there for you.
Love you always,
Mom

Candice,
Congratulations on your "2001" graduation. I am very proud of you and your many journalism accomplishments, and I hope you reach all your goals and become the next Katie Couric.
Love, Dad

Justin McDonald



To my "Boo bear":
From the moment you were born you have brought so much love and joy into the lives of everyone you touch. I value your humor, strength, and kindness. The world is a better place because you are in it. As they say: "Your future's so bright....you better wear shades!!!"
All my love, Mom, Ashley, Pirate

Andrea Melendez



Andy,
It seems like just yesterday you were my little Andi-Pandi. How the years have flown! I am so proud of the fine young woman you have become. As you end your high school years and begin your adult life, I wish you a lifetime filled with laughter and a soul filled with happiness.
I love you!
Mom

Jennifer Laffoon

Words fail to describe how proud I am that you are my daughter. You seem to have grown up from a little girl to a mature responsible woman over night. With your mom gone, you have had to manage more than your share of responsibilities at home plus excel at school.
Good luck at Purdue.
Love Ya, Dad

Selena Saldana



Dear Selena,
Congratulations! I want you to know how much joy & happiness you have brought into my life. You have a very unique gift for living life to the fullest. I know this will bring you great success in all that you do. Thank you for being such a loving and caring daughter. I'm proud to be your mother.
Love,
Mom

Stacie Kapciak



My daughter Stacie my little angel that God sent to me
I want you to know that you're special to me.
On the day you were born how thrilled I felt,
one look at you and I did melt.
From ruffles, lace, and girl toys
to school days phones and dates with boys
watching you grow with pride
knowing I won't always be by your side.
You have an angel watching over you
helping make all your dreams come true.
I love you,
Mom

Tony Potesta



We have seen you grow from a baby, to toddler, to youth, and now into a man. As always we will support you in whatever you choose to pursue in college for your career and future. You have made us proud of your accomplishments as a student, athlete, and most of all a person. Best of health and happiness forever. We love you dearly.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Elizabeth

Michelle Popovich

Nothing is ever too hard to do if your faith is strong and your purpose true. So never give up and never stop just journey on to the mountain top!
God bless,
Jeanne

Crystal Wilcox



At age 3 you led the Grand March with Bozo. You will soon be marching to the drums of Purdue band. Where did those years go? We are all very proud of who and what you have become and too never give up. Set your goals and you did. Love life and you have. Help your fellow man and you have. Best wishes and love always,
Mom, Dad, Chris, Tina, Tom, & Speds

Melissa & Michelle Gaddini



Was such an honor to have raised twins. You made us so proud of you. We wish you success and happiness all through your life.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Abby Greco



Abby,
You've accomplished so much and grown up so fast in so little time. There's so much out there for you. You'll close this chapter of your life and open another. You'll handle it with grace and dignity as you always have. You've made us so proud.
Remember "You're the Best."

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Josh
"Dinky Too"

Joshua Swentzel



Dear Josh,
We are so proud of you.
Congratulations and best of luck.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Larry Jr., Justin, Jazmyn, and Michelle

Elizabeth Dash



Thanks for being such a great daughter, sister, and aunt. You were such a big surprise in 1982, but God knew by sending you to us, you would bring so much happiness and joy to the family. We pray for your happiness and success as you enter into a new chapter in your life. You deserve only the best.
Lots of Love,
Dad, Mom, Patti, Debbi, Chrissy, John, Dad, Ed, Rachel, Bobby, and Emily

Tyler Radtke



You Paid The Price!
Here you are at 6 years old, lifting weights with your U.S. Airforce sweatshirt on. Who would have thought 12 years later you would be going to the Airforce Academy.
Anything you perceive or believe, you can achieve!

Love you #10
Mom & Dad

Ashley Wilson



Ashley,
Congratulations to a beautiful young lady who will always be our "Baby!" We will miss you cheerleading, you have always had such a great spirit. Always follow your heart, and may you find happiness in all you do. We are very proud of you, and all your accomplishments. We will always treasure the memories you have given us and the future ones to come.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Colten

Matt Callender



Congratulations Chub!
We are so proud of you. You have filled our lives with great joy and wonderful memories. May your future be filled with happiness and success.

Love Mom, Dad, & Michael

Victor Sendejas



Mi amor, you went from a fun loving kid to a fine young man. Thanks for the good memories, proud moments, and many accomplishments. We're excited about your future plans and know you'll be a success. Stay happy and healthy because you deserve the very best!

We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Belinda & Rosalinda

Tim Thirion



From your first steps
to dinosaur cakes,
to band concerts,
to soccer games (#9)
to Thrion's Thoughts...
thanks for the memories.
Last but not least,
We're proud of you.
Good Luck and God Speed at Purdue.
Love ya! Mom & Dad

Katie Vanek



There is no greater treasure in our lives than the beautiful, intelligent, young woman you have become. We are so very proud of you and we'll always be behind you in whatever you do.
With all our love,
Mom, and Dad, Jenifer, Amanda, John, Matt, Daniel, and Neo

Phillip Schlosberg

Congratulations Phillip
You did it. Good Job. We have come a long way together. I'm very proud to have you for my son. We are all proud of you.
Love,
Dad

Rachel Thomas



I tried for hours to write something that would let you know how much you mean to us. I finally came back to where I started. We love you and you have made us very proud.
God bless you as you enter Ball State
Love,
Mom & Dad

Jessica Thompson



Dear Jessica,
We're very proud and lucky to have a special daughter like you.
Congratulations and best of luck in the future.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Veronica Solis



You're a 1st class daughter. Good luck and continued success in everything you do. We couldn't be prouder of you. You're not only beautiful and smart, you're Good-Hearted, too!
Love you for always,
Mom & Dad

Sarah Blanchard



Sarah,
We are so proud of everything you have accomplished! We were very happy to watch you grow-up into the beautiful young woman you have become. We know you will succeed in everything you do because of your determination and wacky sense of humor. We love you very much! Congratulations and good luck in your next phase of your life.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Ashley, & Corey

Justin McDonald

Justin:
On this special occasion we want you to know you have always been our favorite grandson not only because of the April 1st thing, but also because you are the only grandson. Kidding aside, our pride in you is unsurpassed. We know whatever path you choose in the future will be one that brings even more joy and pride to all of your family. Congratulations on your graduation!
Love,
Grandpa Donnie and Grandma Bunny

Kellie Sternberg



Kellie,
Somehow the years have passed by so quickly. Now it is time for you to start a new era of your life. You have made me so happy watching my little smiley girl grow up. You have achieved so many things, more than I can name, so good luck to you on your future achievements. Thank you for being our sunshine.

We love you
Mom, Bob, Emily, Laura, & James

Kelly Mann



Kelly,
Thank you for 18 wonderful years. You're a very special daughter and sister. Enjoy your college life and never lose sight of your dreams. Remember we love you and will always be there for you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Kyle

Breanne Steggall



Dearest Bre,
We are SO very proud of you! In a heartbeat, you grew from our Tweety into a gracious, positive, young woman. You've always set your goals high and worked hard to achieve them. We're in awe of your accomplishments and can't wait to see what's ahead! You will always be our little girl and we will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom, Steve, Brandon,
Mike, Rob, Brian, Kevin

Mark Govert



Dear Mark,
Congratulations on all you have accomplished! Your journeys through life have given us many enjoyable memories, but it is simply you we are so proud of. You have built a strong foundation and God will always love you and be there for you.

God bless you,
Mom & Dad

P.S. Good luck! You are a great big brother
Love, Katie

Amy Walker



Congratulations Amy!
We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are very special to us. You have given us much joy, love, and happiness. Our love and support goes with you as you start college. Remember to keep God first in your life. May he guide you and give you wisdom in all you do.

Love always,
Mom & Dad

Stephanie Beigle



So many years have gone by since you have come into our family. I'm so happy you and Elizabeth became friends and I was given the chance to love you like a daughter.
My prayers go with you that you have much happiness and success. You deserve only the best and settle for nothing less.

Lots of love,
Mom Dash

Nikki Geffert



To our Nikki,
Most of the time we looked at you and smiled. After the rough times we laughed. Now we get weepy watching you grow up. But not a day has gone by that we are not loving you. We are proud to say "That one is mine." You are a daughter, a sister, a friend and we love you.

Congratulations, you made it.
Dad, Mom, Matt, and Ben

Kyle Domazet

Kyle,
Having you as our son has made our lives rich. We wouldn't have missed a minute watching you grow from a child to a man. We will be behind you every step of the way. Good Luck.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Trevor

Elizabeth Guzman



Dear Elizabeth,
Well, the big day is finally here. It just seems like yesterday that you were graduating from pre-school, (as pictured.) But, the reality is it was fourteen years ago. Wow! We are so proud of you and of all the things you have accomplished.
We are at a loss for words because there aren't any words that could express our true feelings for you, especially at this time in our lives.

Love always,
Dad & Mom

Brandi Harveth



Brandi,
Even when you were too young to really go to school, you still really wanted to go. Now that your high school years are over and you are on your way to IU, we wish you good luck and happiness and hope you retain that youthful enthusiasm throughout your life.

Love,
Mom & Dad
Steven & Megan

David Sexton

We are so proud of you! We know you will be GREAT at whatever you decide to do.

We love you!
Tia Pam
and
Tia Patty

Chris Rousseau



Dear Chris,
I can't believe you're graduating from high school already, it seems like only yesterday you were just a little boy. You've always been adventurous and not afraid to try new things or meet new people. Keep that spirit as you venture into the future and you will be successful in whatever you do. Congratulatuons on all your accomplishments.

I'm very proud of you!
Love,
Mom

Robert Bradford



Bobby,
Congratulations Bobby. You are a wonderful, loving, caring, and thoughtful person. May your graduation be filled with fun and long memories. Thank you also for the opportunity to meet all of the terrific kids who were your friends.
Words cannot express the love we have in our hearts and how proud we are of you. Your sweet smile brings sunshine into our lives
You are an incredibly smart person with a great future ahead of you. Always follow your dreams, please remember that we'll always be here for you. Thanks for being you!!!

Love always and always,
Mom and Dad

Angelina Alvarez



To our dearest daughter Angelina Alvarez,
We are very proud of you. Good luck in college; keep up the hard work. We love you very much! Congratulations.

Love,
Ma, Pa, Celina,
Christina, and Frankie

Kristy Toth



Congratulations Kristy!
Those school years have slipped right on by so fast but left us with lots of good and fun memories. Follow your path of dreams with lots of luck along the way. You can do it! We love you and are proud of your accomplishments. Keep smiling.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Amy

Matthew Fliter



Matt,
We are very proud of you. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors. We know you will be successful no matter what path you choose.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tania, Russell, & Kristi

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As the senior class listens to class president **Robert Jensen**'s speech, senior **Alison Bridegroom** sheds a tear. There were three speeches which were delivered by the salutatorian, valedictorian, and class president during the ceremony.

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Well, the school year is officially over. It was also officially the last time GHS would look the same. Construction started to really take off during the last few weeks, and now many things will be changed, for example several classrooms will be in the fieldhouse. Besides the construction there were many other changes **all** at the end of the year. The biggest news was that the graduation ceremony was not to be held on the football field or main gym, due to again *construction*. This **mixed** up things for some. Seniors received six tickets, rather than the normal eight and they also had to drive out of Griffith to The Halls of St. George in Schererville. Prom was also held there on May 11, and it was the first time in over 20 years that the location of the dance was changed. The year came and went, many new things were experienced and many new things were learned. Many of those things would never be forgotton and would be thought **up**on by students for years to come.

---by candice peters



Receiving his top ten plaque and cards, senior **Phillip Cadle** is congratulated by **Cynthia Spejewski**. The Top Ten Dinner was held on May 2 in the high school cafeteria. The top ten consisted of seniors Paul Dalach, Gregory Bowers, Kathleen Vanek, Justin Grimmer, Tom Zeller, Shauna Santare, Sarah Blanchard, Kate Hagenbotham, Philip Cadle and Timothy Thirion.



Senior **James Wiszowaty** reads over the last issue of Panther Press. Many students had extra time after finals to read the paper, books, or study for other finals.

Cooking up some hot dogs, seniors **Jack Johnson**, **Robert Jensen**, **Kenneth Becknell**, assistant principal and senior **Brett Berman** make lunch for the senior cookout. Senior day took place on May 30, which consisted of a cookout, class picture, and graduation rehearsal.



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Reflector Volume 60 was put together in Room S107, otherwise known as the J-room, with thirteen power Macintoshes, printed off on two LaserWriter printers, models 16/600 PS and a brand new 4050N printer, and two scanners, a UMAX Astra 1200S and an Apple OneScanner. All spreads were designed on the PageMaker 6.5 program, VistaScan 2.0 and Apple Works 5.0 programs were also used.

The cover of the book is black, with spot colors H.1354 Ultra Green and H.1286 Colonial Blue, with gloss lamination. Both colors were used on the front end sheets, title page, opening and Student Life divider. The spot colors H.1123 Ochre page 6-7 H.1165 Orange page 10-11 and H.1526 Ultra Purple page 14-15 as well as Ultra Green and Colonial Blue were used on spreads throughout the Student life section. The theme pages (divider, end sheets, title page, colophon, opening and closing) were all designed by Candice Peters. The other sections were designed by Kellie Sternberg, Julie Rutledge, Brandi Harveth, Brianna Bieker, Jessica Nieto, and Stacy DuGard.

The theme, "All Mixed Up" was decided upon by Candice Peters, Brandi Harveth and Kellie Sternberg during the Ball State Summer Workshop and developed through the help of the staff.

The book was divided into 5 sections. All copy was in Bookman 12, and all captions were set in 9 point Lifetime. Other fonts used were Paintbrush, Onyx, Dibs Display Caps SSI in the Student Life section, Chalkdust and Ancientscript in the Academics section, Madrianne and Myriad Bold in the Sports section, Avant Garde in the Clubs section, and Blueprint, ITC Officiana Bold in the People section.

All candid photos were taken by the staff photographers on T-max 400 and 3200 speed black and white and color film. Over 10,000 frames were shot by staff photographers. All black and white photos were student produced in the J-room darkroom on Kodak Polycontrast III RC black and white paper. Team, group, faculty and senior pictures were produced by Larry Titak. All underclassman photos were produced by Interstate Studios, Inc. Color photos were produced by Osca.

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The goal of the yearbook was two-fold: finish the yearbook by the end of the year, with the least amount of problems, and also to include as many GHS students as possible.

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